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It is apparent to even a casual observer that changes are taking place in the textile fibers used in clothing. When it is asked what is the extent of these changes and what are the garments primarily affected, the answers, however, are not so obvious. The trend in the consumption of textile fibers in household articles is less apparent than that in clothing, but some changes are occurring and there are many opinions as to their distribution and bearing. In order to find facts from the consumer's standpoint on some of these questions, a survey was conducted early in the summer of 1927 by the Bureau of Home Economics. The purposes of this study were: First, to find how the use of cotton, silk, and rayon in the different garments worn by men and women had changed during the preceding five years and the consumer's reasons for making such changes; and, second, to determine the extent to which cotton is used in household articles at present and whether there is a tendency for its use in these articles to increase or decrease relative to other textile fibers.

With the cooperation of teachers in colleges and universities, extension workers, and club women, over 1,000 questionnaires were filled in by men and women representing all sections of the United States. An analysis of the replies pertaining to clothing is given in Part I of this publication, and the data obtained on household articles are summarized in Part II.

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PART I. CHANGING USES OF TEXTILE FIBERS IN CLOTHING

Studies of clothing expenditures of women indicate that the most important factors influencing them in their selection of garments are whether they are married or single; whether they are employed or living at home without a paid occupation; and what is the size of the income and the size of the community in which they live. In order to determine the bearing of these factors on the kind of textile fibers chosen for different garments, the data in this study have been analyzed separately for the three following classes who filled in the questionnaire: 701 married women; 444 single women 18 years of age and over who are supported by their families; and 175 self-supporting single women 18 years of age and over.

In each of these three classes size of residence community and size of income were considered. The residence groups, farm, under 5,000 population, 5,000 and under 25,000, 25,000 and under 100,000, and 100,000 and over, have been adopted as sufficiently broad to give representative averages in each group and sufficiently narrow to show the influence of size of residence community on the clothing habits of women. For similar reasons, the income groups selected were: Under $3,000, $3,000 and under $5,000, $5,000 and under $10,000, and $10,000 and over, for families; and under $3,000, and $3,000 and over, for self-supporting single women.

Slightly over half of all the families indicated an increase in income during the five-year period covered by this study. The greatest increase occurred in communities of 25,000 and under 100,000 and the smallest in those of under 5,000 in population. The increase in the income of these families undoubtedly influenced their selection of garments, and may account to some extent for the large percentage of families reporting the use of more silk and rayon garments in 1927 than in 1922.

There must, of course, be added to the farm family's money income an evaluation of the products from the farm, such as food and fuel, and rent for the farmhouse, in order to make it comparable with the income of city families. Since such evaluation was not possible in this study, replies from women living on farms have been excluded in the analysis of the data by income groups.

CHANGES IN TEXTILE FIBERS USED IN MEN'S CLOTHING

Almost without exception the 675 men included in this study reported making no change in textile fibers used for suits, extra trousers, extra coats, work shirts, dress or office shirts, and night-shirts and pajamas worn by them during the preceding five years.

For such garments as union suits, undershirts and drawers, and bath robes the men reported either no change in textile fiber or no use of that particular garment. However, 57 per cent of the men replying reported that they were using more silk and rayon socks than they had during the preceding five years. This was the only article of clothing for which a change of textile fiber was reported by a significant proportion of men. The reports from the men have not been analyzed according to size of residence community and of income.

INFLUENCE OF SIZE OF RESIDENCE COMMUNITY ON CHANGES IN TEXTILE FIBERS USED IN WOMEN'S GARMENTS

A comparison between the kinds of textile fibers which each of the three classes of women in the different residence groups used in clothing worn during the year ended in the spring of 1922, and that which they were wearing in 1927, is given in Tables 2, 3, and 4.

Table 1 shows the distribution of the three classes of women in the different residence groups.

TABLE 1.—*Married women, single women supported by their families, and self-supporting single women, distributed according to size of residence community*

Status of women	Distribution of women according to size of residence communities					
	Farm	Under 5,000	5,000 and under 25,000	25,000 and under 100,000	100,000 and over	All communities
	Number	*Number*	*Number*	*Number*	*Number*	*Number*
Married women	231	132	116	73	149	701
Single women supported by their families	92	91	106	57	98	444
Self-supporting single women	17	34	45	23	56	175

In Tables 2, 3, and 4, and also in Tables 7, 8, and 9, the percentages showing comparisons of textile fibers worn in 1922 and in 1927 by each of the three classes of women are based on the number of persons reporting for each garment. Inasmuch as the number reporting varies for the different garments, comparisons can be made only between textile fibers that were used at these two periods for the same garment. Except in a few cases, the replies specified one textile fiber only. However, where such replies as "cotton and silk five years ago but not now" were recorded, the two entries "cotton five years ago but not now" and "silk five years ago but not now" were tabulated for the same person.

TABLE 2.—*Comparison of textile fibers used in different garments during year ended in the spring of 1927 and during the corresponding period five years previous, by 701 married women, classified according to size of residence community*[1]

Garment and size of residence community	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous, but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fiber	More cotton in 1927 than five years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
Aprons:[2]	*No.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Farm	214	0.9	97.7	-----	0.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	125	1.6	95.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	106	1.9	89.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.9	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	70	-----	90.0	-----	-----	1.4	-----	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	137	5.1	89.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	652	2.0	93.2	-----	.1	.1	-----	.3	-----	-----	-----	.1	-----	-----
House dresses:														
Farm	177	-----	84.2	8.5	5.1	1.1	1.1	-----	0.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	99	1.0	82.8	6.1	5.0	2.0	-----	1.0	-----	-----	-----	1.0	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	68	-----	70.6	4.4	23.5	-----	4.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	49	-----	67.3	6.1	20.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	102	2.0	79.4	2.9	10.8	2.0	2.0	1.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	495	.6	79.4	6.1	10.3	1.4	1.6	.6	.2	-----	-----	.2	-----	-----
Summer dresses:[3]														
Farm	194	-----	35.0	4.6	55.1	6.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	112	-----	36.6	3.6	58.0	4.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	100	-----	25.0	2.0	73.0	1.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	66	-----	24.2	1.5	74.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	133	-----	33.8	3.0	60.9	3.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	605	-----	32.2	3.3	62.0	3.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Winter dresses:														
Farm	166	-----	37.3	-----	46.4	-----	16.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	105	-----	36.2	-----	43.8	-----	23.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	90	-----	44.4	-----	37.8	-----	22.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	53	-----	30.2	-----	62.3	-----	9.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	125	-----	42.4	-----	50.4	-----	7.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	539	-----	38.8	-----	46.9	-----	16.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Blouses:[4]														
Farm	152	44.1	21.1	3.3	8.5	-----	-----	.7	.7	-----	-----	11.8	9.9	-----
Under 5,000	106	41.5	18.9	.9	15.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	13.2	13.2	0.9
5,000 and under 25,000	86	22.1	24.4	-----	29.1	-----	-----	1.2	1.2	-----	-----	18.6	5.8	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	46	28.3	26.1	-----	21.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	13.0	15.2	-----
100,000 and over	128	22.7	26.6	3.1	14.8	-----	.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	23.4	18.0	-----
All communities	518	33.2	23.0	1.9	16.0	-----	.2	.4	.4	-----	-----	16.2	12.4	1.0
Skirts:														
Farm	124	32.3	31.4	1.6	2.4	-----	5.6	-----	.8	-----	-----	8.1	3.2	17.7
Under 5,000	87	35.6	27.6	-----	3.4	-----	10.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.6	1.1	19.5
5,000 and under 25,000	83	25.3	33.7	-----	10.8	-----	8.4	-----	2.4	-----	-----	7.2	3.6	12.0
25,000 and under 100,000	41	17.1	39.0	-----	9.8	2.4	9.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	7.3	2.4	14.6
100,000 and over	116	22.4	33.6	.9	7.8	-----	7.8	-----	-----	-----	0.9	8.6	6.9	22.4
All communities	451	27.7	32.4	.7	6.2	.2	8.0	-----	.7	-----	.2	7.3	3.8	18.0

[1] A few persons reporting changes in the use of more than one textile fiber account for the discrepancies between the total of the percentages and 100.

[2] More rubberized aprons in 1927 than five years previous: On farms, 0.9 per cent; in communities of under 5,000, 2.4 per cent; of 5,000 and under 25,000, 6.6 per cent; of 25,000 and under 100,000, 4.3 per cent; of 100,000 and over, 5.8 per cent; all groups, 3.5 per cent. Rubberized aprons in 1927 but not five years previous: In communities of 5,000 and under 25,000, 1.9 per cent; of 25,000 and under 100,000, 2.9 per cent; all groups, 0.6 per cent.

[3] More linen summer dresses in 1927 than five years previous: In communities of 5,000 and under 25,000, 1 per cent; all groups, 0.2 per cent.

[4] More linen blouses in 1927 than five years previous: In communities of 5,000 and under 25,000, 1.2 per cent; all groups, 0.2 per cent. Linen blouses five years previous but not in 1927: On farms, 7 per cent; in communities of under 5,000, 1.9 per cent; all groups, 0.6 per cent.

TABLE 2.—*Comparison of textile fibers used in different garments during year ended in the spring of 1927 and during the corresponding period five years previous, by 701 married women, classified according to size of residence community* [1]—Continued

Garment and size of residence community	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous, but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fiber	More cotton in 1927 than five years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
	No.	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Slips:														
Farm	195	0.5	33.3	10.8	33.8	8.2	-----	7.2	4.6	1.5	-----	2.6	1.0	-----
Under 5,000	110	-----	23.6	7.3	49.1	12.7	-----	3.6	6.4	1.8	-----	.9	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	113	-----	20.3	3.5	61.1	6.2	-----	2.6	8.0	2.6	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	71	-----	16.9	1.4	73.2	7.0	-----	-----	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	146	.7	26.7	4.8	56.8	4.1	-----	4.1	4.8	.7	-----	1.4	-----	-----
All communities	635	.3	26.0	6.5	51.0	7.6	-----	4.2	5.2	1.4	-----	1.3	.3	-----
Petticoats:														
Farm	142	35.9	17.6	4.9	7.0	.7	0.7	2.8	1.4	.7	0.7	27.5	2.1	-----
Under 5,000	97	37.1	18.6	1.0	12.4	3.1	-----	1.0	-----	-----	-----	26.8	5.1	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	88	26.1	22.7	2.3	20.4	-----	-----	-----	2.3	-----	-----	21.6	11.4	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	53	20.7	24.5	1.9	22.6	1.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	30.2	-----	-----
100,000 and over	110	24.5	23.6	-----	15.4	-----	-----	-----	.9	-----	-----	30.9	10.9	-----
All communities	490	30.2	20.8	2.2	14.1	1.0	.2	1.0	1.0	.2	.2	27.3	6.1	-----
Chemises and combinations:														
Farm	185	28.1	34.0	-----	25.9	4.9	-----	.3	3.2	.5	-----	2.7	-----	-----
Under 5,000	113	25.7	24.8	-----	34.5	13.3	-----	.9	1.8	1.8	-----	4.4	.9	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	102	20.6	27.4	-----	46.1	2.0	-----	1.0	-----	-----	-----	3.9	2.0	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	64	10.9	25.0	-----	50.0	7.8	-----	-----	3.1	1.6	-----	3.1	-----	-----
100,000 and over	134	20.1	34.3	-----	32.8	1.5	-----	1.5	.7	.7	-----	8.2	.7	-----
All communities	598	22.7	30.3	-----	35.1	5.5	-----	1.7	1.8	.8	-----	4.5	.7	-----
Brassieres:														
Farm	182	19.2	67.6	-----	7.1	1.1	-----	3.8	.5	-----	-----	.5	-----	-----
Under 5,000	111	18.9	57.7	-----	9.0	2.7	-----	6.3	2.7	-----	-----	2.7	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	107	14.9	66.4	-----	12.1	.9	-----	2.8	1.9	-----	-----	1.9	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	55	20.0	52.7	-----	21.8	1.8	-----	1.8	-----	-----	-----	1.8	1.8	-----
100,000 and over	136	20.6	58.1	-----	11.8	2.2	-----	2.9	-----	-----	-----	3.7	.7	-----
All communities	591	18.8	61.9	-----	10.8	1.7	-----	3.7	1.0	-----	-----	2.0	.3	-----
Bloomers:														
Farm	196	16.8	27.0	6.6	26.0	19.4	-----	1.0	3.6	.5	-----	1.0	-----	-----
Under 5,000	118	24.9	14.4	4.2	34.7	18.6	-----	3.4	5.1	1.7	.8	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	103	21.4	19.4	2.9	40.8	8.7	-----	1.9	5.8	2.9	-----	1.0	1.0	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	69	13.0	17.4	1.4	56.5	8.7	-----	-----	2.9	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	137	24.1	21.2	.7	35.8	11.7	-----	1.5	5.1	1.5	-----	1.5	1.5	-----
All communities	623	19.9	21.0	3.7	35.6	14.6	-----	1.6	4.5	1.4	.2	.8	.5	-----
Drawers and step-ins:														
Farm	167	49.1	33.5	-----	11.4	.6	.6	.6	.6	-----	-----	3.6	-----	-----
Under 5,000	107	49.5	28.0	-----	17.8	4.7	-----	.9	-----	.9	-----	3.7	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	93	34.4	29.0	-----	29.0	2.1	-----	1.0	-----	1.0	-----	4.3	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	55	29.1	30.9	-----	36.4	-----	-----	-----	1.8	-----	-----	1.8	-----	-----
100,000 and over	132	35.6	33.3	-----	20.4	3.0	-----	.8	.8	-----	-----	6.0	.8	-----
All communities	554	41.5	31.4	-----	20.2	2.2	.2	.7	.5	.4	-----	4.1	.2	-----
Undershirts and vests:														
Farm	182	28.6	46.9	-----	15.4	4.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3.8	-----	-----
Under 5,000	113	30.1	30.1	-----	23.9	13.3	-----	.9	1.8	.9	-----	4.4	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	101	20.8	34.6	-----	33.7	4.9	-----	-----	1.0	2.0	-----	4.0	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	62	4.8	37.1	-----	48.4	4.8	-----	-----	3.2	1.6	-----	1.6	-----	-----
100,000 and over	130	20.0	41.5	-----	25.4	9.2	-----	.8	1.5	-----	-----	3.8	.8	-----
All communities	588	23.1	40.0	-----	25.8	7.5	-----	.3	1.2	.7	-----	3.7	.2	-----

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		Never worn	No change in textile fiber	More cotton in 1927 than five years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
Knit union suits:	*No.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Farm	183	19.1	55.7	12.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.7	0.5	-----	0.5	3.3	-----	0.5
Under 5,000	106	21.7	57.5	3.8	3.8	-----	1.9	3.8	1.9	-----	1.9	6.6	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	92	25.0	51.1	6.5	6.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	-----	-----	-----	8.7	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	58	25.9	43.1	3.4	8.6	-----	3.4	1.7	-----	-----	-----	13.8	-----	-----
100,000 and over	132	32.6	50.8	4.5	4.5	.8	1.5	.8	.8	-----	-----	3.8	-----	-----
All communities	571	24.3	52.9	7.2	4.2	.9	1.7	2.1	.7	-----	.5	5.9	-----	-----
Nightgowns:														
Farm	217	.5	94.0	-----	3.7	.9	-----	.5	-----	-----	-----	.5	-----	-----
Under 5,000	124	1.6	89.5	-----	7.3	.8	-----	.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	111	1.8	81.1	-----	17.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.9	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	70	1.4	71.4	-----	24.3	1.4	-----	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	147	.7	81.6	-----	17.0	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	669	1.0	85.9	-----	11.7	.9	-----	.4	-----	-----	-----	.3	-----	-----
Pajamas:														
Farm	183	80.3	18.0	-----	.5	-----	-----	1.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	105	80.9	16.2	-----	.9	-----	-----	1.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	89	69.7	23.6	-----	7.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	53	66.0	20.7	-----	7.5	1.9	-----	3.8	1.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	130	74.6	18.5	-----	5.4	-----	-----	-----	.8	-----	-----	.8	-----	-----
All communities	560	76.1	18.9	-----	3.6	.2	-----	1.1	.4	-----	-----	.2	-----	-----
Kimonos and negligees:														
Farm	192	19.8	68.7	1.0	8.8	-----	-----	.5	.5	-----	-----	.5	-----	-----
Under 5,000	122	11.5	66.4	3.3	18.0	-----	-----	1.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	100	1.0	68.0	3.0	28.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	62	8.1	54.8	-----	30.6	-----	-----	1.6	6.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	139	5.0	60.4	4.3	26.6	.7	2.2	-----	.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	615	10.6	64.9	2.4	20.0	.2	.5	.6	1.0	-----	-----	.2	-----	-----
Bath robes:														
Farm	182	29.7	60.4	2.2	1.6	-----	3.3	1.6	-----	-----	-----	1.1	-----	-----
Under 5,000	111	13.5	73.0	2.7	1.8	-----	4.5	3.6	-----	-----	-----	.9	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	96	6.2	76.0	5.2	7.3	-----	7.3	1.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	57	10.5	82.5	-----	-----	-----	1.7	-----	-----	-----	5.3	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	126	11.1	77.0	.8	4.0	-----	6.3	.8	-----	-----	.8	-----	-----	-----
All communities	572	16.6	71.3	2.3	3.0	-----	4.7	1.6	-----	-----	.7	.5	-----	-----
Stockings:														
Farm	215	-----	13.5	.5	83.3	3.7	.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	126	-----	21.4	-----	77.0	4.0	1.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	114	-----	29.8	-----	69.3	2.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	71	-----	21.1	-----	78.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	142	-----	32.4	.7	64.8	1.4	.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	668	-----	22.6	.3	75.3	2.7	.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

[1] A few persons reporting changes in the use of more than one textile fiber account for the discrepancies between the total of the percentages and 100.

TABLE 3.—*Comparison of textile fibers used in different garments during year ended in the spring of 1927 and during the corresponding period five years previous, by 444 single women 18 years of age and over supported by the family income, classified according to size of residence community* [1]

Garment and size of residence community	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fiber	More cotton in 1927 than five years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
Aprons: [2]	*No.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Farm	77	3.9	90.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	2.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	83	1.2	92.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	1.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	79	12.7	79.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	1.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	40	15.0	85.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	81	7.4	82.7	-----	1.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	1.2	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	360	7.2	86.4	-----	.3	-----	-----	1.1	-----	.3	-----	-----	-----	-----
House or school dresses: [3]														
Farm	58	-----	46.5	10.3	34.5	5.2	12.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	63	-----	44.4	4.8	46.0	1.6	3.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	57	-----	21.0	5.3	70.2	-----	19.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	35	-----	42.9	-----	45.7	-----	14.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	62	-----	46.8	-----	45.2	4.8	6.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	275	-----	40.4	4.4	48.4	2.5	10.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Summer dresses: [4]														
Farm	80	-----	12.5	10.0	77.5	6.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	81	-----	9.9	-----	86.4	6.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	100	-----	12.0	4.0	86.0	1.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	53	-----	5.7	-----	92.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	89	-----	15.7	3.4	78.6	2.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	403	-----	11.7	3.7	83.6	3.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Winter dresses:														
Farm	70	-----	21.4	-----	54.3	1.4	27.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	73	-----	16.4	-----	50.7	1.4	42.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	98	-----	16.3	-----	60.2	-----	39.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	51	-----	29.4	-----	56.8	-----	15.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	77	-----	19.5	-----	67.5	-----	16.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	369	-----	19.8	-----	58.3	.5	29.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Blouses: [5]														
Farm	63	22.2	28.6	11.1	30.2	-----	1.6	1.6	1.6	-----	-----	3.2	3.2	-----
Under 5,000	74	18.9	28.4	4.0	41.9	-----	-----	-----	2.7	-----	-----	1.3	4.0	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	88	12.5	42.0	5.7	26.1	1.1	-----	1.1	1.1	-----	-----	7.9	3.4	1.1
25,000 and under 100,000	45	17.8	37.8	6.7	11.1	2.2	-----	8.9	2.2	-----	-----	11.1	2.2	-----
100,000 and over	81	17.3	25.9	8.6	27.2	-----	-----	3.7	-----	-----	-----	17.3	2.5	-----
All communities	351	17.4	32.5	7.1	28.5	.6	.3	2.6	1.4	-----	-----	8.3	3.1	.3
Skirts:														
Farm	60	23.3	25.0	3.3	6.7	-----	33.3	-----	1.7	-----	-----	1.7	1.7	3.3
Under 5,000	76	22.4	22.4	-----	14.5	-----	32.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	1.3	1.3	6.6
5,000 and under 25,000	81	14.8	37.0	-----	17.3	-----	21.0	-----	-----	-----	2.5	2.5	-----	8.6
25,000 and under 100,000	44	20.4	34.1	-----	15.9	-----	15.9	-----	2.3	-----	2.3	2.3	-----	6.8
100,000 and over	78	12.8	35.9	1.3	20.5	-----	15.4	-----	-----	-----	1.3	2.6	2.6	14.1
All communities	339	18.3	31.0	.9	15.3	-----	23.9	-----	.6	-----	1.2	2.1	2.1	8.3

[1] A few persons reporting changes in the use of more than one textile fiber account for the discrepancies between the total of the percentages and 100.

[2] More rubberized aprons in 1927 than five years previous: On farms, 2.6 per cent; in communities of under 5,000, 3.6 per cent; of 5,000 and under 25,000, 6.3 per cent; of 100,000 and over, 7.4 per cent; all groups, 4.4 per cent. Rubberized aprons in 1927 but not five years previous: In communities of under 5,000, 2.4 per cent; of 5,000 and under 25,000, 2.5 per cent; all groups, 1.1 per cent.

[3] More linen house or school dresses in 1927 than five years previous: On farms, 1.7 per cent; in communities of under 5,000, 4.8 per cent; all groups, 1.4 per cent.

[4] More linen summer dresses in 1927 than five years previous: In communities of 25,000 and under 100,000 1.9 per cent; all groups, 0.2 per cent.

[5] More linen blouses in 1927 than five years previous: In communities of 5,000 and under 25,000, 1.1 per cent; all groups, 0.3 per cent.

TABLE 3.—*Comparison of textile fibers used in different garments during year ended in the spring of 1927 and during the corresponding period five years previous, by 444 single women 18 years of age and over supported by the family income, classified according to size of residence community* [1]—Continued

Garment and size of residence community	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fiber	More cotton in 1927 than five years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
Slips:	*No.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Farm	77	1.3	11.7	6.5	63.6	10.4	-----	2.6	6.5	2.6	-----	1.3	1.3	-----
Under 5,000	85	5.9	8.2	1.2	69.4	4.7	-----	1.2	10.6	1.2	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	101	-----	10.9	-----	78.2	4.9	-----	1.0	5.9	1.0	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	57	3.5	7.0	-----	78.9	8.8	-----	-----	1.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	93	-----	11.8	-----	84.9	4.3	-----	-----	1.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	413	1.9	10.2	1.4	75.3	6.3	-----	1.0	5.3	1.0	-----	.2	.2	-----
Petticoats:														
Farm	63	47.6	6.3	9.5	14.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	22.2	1.6	-----
Under 5,000	72	48.6	8.3	-----	16.7	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	25.0	1.4	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	82	48.8	7.3	1.2	20.7	-----	-----	-----	1.2	-----	-----	20.7	1.2	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	49	36.7	12.2	-----	14.3	2.0	-----	-----	2.0	-----	-----	32.6	2.0	-----
100,000 and over	63	42.9	6.3	-----	25.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	20.6	6.3	-----
All communities	329	45.6	7.9	2.1	18.5	.6	-----	-----	.6	-----	-----	23.7	2.4	-----
Chemises and combinations:														
Farm	78	19.2	14.1	-----	51.3	14.1	-----	1.3	3.8	1.3	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	84	13.1	15.5	-----	58.3	9.5	-----	1.2	4.8	-----	-----	1.2	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	95	15.8	9.5	-----	62.1	4.2	-----	-----	3.2	-----	-----	6.3	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	53	9.4	11.3	-----	64.1	5.7	-----	1.9	1.9	2.0	-----	5.7	-----	-----
100,000 and over	92	10.9	26.1	-----	55.4	7.6	-----	-----	3.3	-----	-----	2.2	-----	-----
All communities	402	13.9	15.7	-----	58.0	8.2	-----	.7	3.5	.5	-----	3.0	-----	-----
Brassieres:														
Farm	80	5.0	58.7	-----	27.5	-----	-----	7.5	1.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	83	3.6	43.4	-----	36.1	6.0	-----	7.2	4.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	96	4.2	50.0	-----	39.6	5.2	-----	1.0	1.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	53	3.8	52.8	-----	27.7	1.9	-----	1.9	1.9	-----	-----	1.9	-----	-----
100,000 and over	89	6.7	46.1	-----	37.1	3.4	-----	2.2	2.2	-----	-----	-----	2.2	-----
All communities	401	4.7	49.9	-----	35.7	3.5	-----	4.0	2.2	-----	-----	.2	.5	-----
Bloomers:														
Farm	84	2.4	8.3	7.1	63.1	19.0	-----	2.4	1.2	2.4	3.6	-----	1.2	-----
Under 5,000	86	1.2	12.8	1.2	73.3	13.9	-----	2.3	4.6	1.2	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	106	.9	8.5	1.9	67.9	17.9	-----	.9	3.8	1.9	-----	.9	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	57	-----	14.0	-----	64.9	17.5	-----	-----	1.7	1.7	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	92	14.1	8.7	4.3	60.9	8.7	-----	-----	3.3	3.3	-----	4.3	-----	-----
All communities	425	4.0	10.1	3.1	66.1	15.3	-----	1.2	3.0	2.1	.7	1.2	.2	-----
Drawers and step-ins:														
Farm	76	40.8	14.5	-----	39.5	3.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1.3	-----	-----
Under 5,000	82	29.3	9.8	-----	50.0	6.1	-----	3.7	6.1	1.2	-----	1.2	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	90	28.9	13.3	-----	52.2	2.2	-----	1.1	1.1	-----	-----	4.4	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	48	25.0	16.7	-----	45.8	8.3	-----	-----	4.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	84	17.9	16.7	-----	55.9	2.4	-----	1.2	1.2	-----	-----	3.6	1.2	-----
All communities	380	28.4	13.9	-----	49.2	4.2	-----	1.3	2.4	.3	-----	2.4	.3	-----
Undershirts and vests:														
Farm	71	19.7	25.3	-----	40.8	12.7	-----	-----	1.4	-----	-----	2.8	-----	-----
Under 5,000	77	23.4	10.4	-----	48.0	16.9	-----	1.3	-----	-----	-----	5.2	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	97	23.7	11.3	-----	52.6	4.1	-----	-----	4.1	-----	-----	4.1	1.0	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	54	11.1	16.7	-----	51.8	13.0	-----	-----	3.7	1.8	-----	5.6	-----	-----
100,000 and over	88	21.6	15.9	-----	55.7	4.5	-----	-----	1.1	1.1	-----	3.4	-----	-----
All communities	387	20.7	15.5	-----	50.1	9.6	-----	.3	2.1	.5	-----	4.1	.3	-----

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TABLE 3.—*Comparison of textile fibers used in different garments during year ended in the spring of 1927 and during the corresponding period five years previous, by 444 single women 18 years of age and over supported by the family income, classified according to size of residence community* [1]—Continued

Garment and size of residence community	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fiber	More cotton in 1927 than five years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
Knit union suits:	*No.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Farm	65	55.4	27.7	7.7	6.1							3.1		
Under 5,000	69	71.0	8.7		7.2		1.4		1.4	1.4	1.4	10.1		1.4
5,000 and under 25,000	78	73.1	9.0		3.8		2.6		2.6			6.4		2.6
25,000 and under 100,000	39	61.5		2.6	15.4					2.6		5.1		2.6
100,000 and over	76	56.6	21.0	5.3	6.6		1.3	1.3				6.6	1.3	1.3
All communities	327	63.9	14.4	3.0	7.0		1.2	.3	.9	.6	.3	6.4	.3	1.5
Nightgowns:														
Farm	78	7.7	69.2		16.7	3.8						2.6		
Under 5,000	83	14.5	54.2		24.1	2.4						6.0		
5,000 and under 25,000	94	20.2	52.1		22.3	2.1						3.2		
25,000 and under 100,000	53	7.5	41.5		47.2	4.0						3.8		
100,000 and over	90	11.1	66.7		18.9							2.2		
All communities	398	12.8	57.8		24.1	2.3						3.5		
Pajamas:														
Farm	75	42.7	41.3		5.3	1.3	5.3	4.0						
Under 5,000	76	23.7	40.8		21.0	3.9		10.5	1.3					
5,000 and under 25,000	99	16.2	50.5		23.2	3.0		5.0	1.0			1.0		
25,000 and under 100,000	51	25.5	39.2		23.5	2.0	3.9	7.8	2.0					
100,000 and over	86	32.6	41.9		16.3			5.8	4.6					
All communities	387	27.6	43.4		17.8	2.1	1.5	6.5	1.8			.3		
Kimonos and negligees:														
Farm	77	19.5	42.9		35.1	2.6								
Under 5,000	85	1.2	45.9	1.2	38.8	1.2		2.3						
5,000 and under 25,000	99		44.4	3.0	51.5	1.0			1.2					
25,000 and under 100,000	54	3.7	46.3	1.8	46.3			1.8	1.8	1.8				
100,000 and over	93	2.1	47.3	4.3	41.9		1.1	1.1	2.1					
All communities	408	4.9	45.3	2.2	42.9	1.0	.2	1.0	1.0	.2				
Bath robes:														
Farm	74	20.3	64.9	4.0	9.5		1.3							
Under 5,000	78	7.7	67.9	2.6	10.3		10.3							1.3
5,000 and under 25,000	85	2.3	71.8	2.3	12.9		7.1		2.3		1.2			
25,000 and under 100,000	48	6.2	77.1		6.2		6.2	2.1			2.1			
100,000 and over	84	10.7	70.2		4.8		11.9		2.4					
All communities	369	9.5	69.9	1.9	8.9		7.6	.3	1.1		.5			.3
Stockings:														
Farm	84	4.8			94.0	1.2								
Under 5,000	89	14.6			85.4	6.7					1.1			
5,000 and under 25,000	105	31.4			67.6		.9							
25,000 and under 100,000	54	14.8			81.5	1.8	1.8							
100,000 and over	94	22.3		3.2	73.4	2.1								
All communities	426	18.5		.7	79.6	2.3	.5							

[1] A few persons reporting changes in the use of more than one textile fiber account for the discrepancies between the total of the percentages and 100.

TABLE 4.—*Comparison of textile fibers used in different garments during year ended in the spring of 1927 and during the corresponding period five years previous, by 175 self-supporting single women 18 years of age and over, classified according to size of residence community* [1]

Garment and size of residence community	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fiber	More cotton in 1927 than five years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
	No.	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Aprons: [2]														
Farm	13		100.0											
Under 5,000	24	8.3	87.5											
5,000 and under 25,000	42	7.1	85.7					2.4				2.4		
25,000 and under 100,000	18	11.1	77.8											
100,000 and over	48	10.4	62.5		2.1							4.2		
All communities	145	8.3	78.6		.7			.7				2.1		
House dresses: [3]														
Farm	12		66.7		8.3		8.3		8.3					
Under 5,000	20	5.0	45.0		45.0		10.0							
5,000 and under 25,000	31		25.8	6.4	54.8	3.2	3.2		3.2			3.2		
25,000 and under 100,000	9		22.2	11.1	55.6	11.1								
100,000 and over	35	8.6	48.6	2.9	31.4		8.6					2.9		
All communities	107	3.7	41.1	3.7	40.2	1.9	6.5		1.9			1.7		
Summer dresses: [4]														
Farm	13		23.1		76.9									
Under 5,000	25		16.0		84.0									
5,000 and under 25,000	36		19.4	8.3	72.2	2.8								
25,000 and under 100,000	20			5.0	95.0									
100,000 and over	48		31.2	2.1	66.7									
All communities	142		20.4	3.5	76.1	.7								
Winter dresses:														
Farm	13		30.8		53.8		23.1							
Under 5,000	25		28.0		60.0		20.0							
5,000 and under 25,000	36		36.1		50.0		16.7							
25,000 and under 100,000	19		21.0		73.7		10.5							
100,000 and over	42		42.9		45.2		14.3							
All communities	135		34.1		54.1		16.3							
Blouses: [5]														
Farm	14	21.4	7.1	14.3	21.4							28.6	14.3	
Under 5,000	29	17.2	27.6	13.8	10.3							27.6	17.2	
5,000 and under 25,000	38	15.8	23.7	2.6	21.0				5.3			23.7	13.2	
25,000 and under 100,000	19	31.6	15.8		10.5							36.8	10.5	
100,000 and over	47	17.0	27.7	2.1	19.1							21.3	19.1	
All communities	147	19.0	23.1	5.4	17.0				1.4			25.8	15.6	
Skirts:														
Farm	11	9.1	27.3				18.2					18.2		27.3
Under 5,000	26	23.1	26.9		15.4		15.4					15.4	7.7	15.4
5,000 and under 25,000	36	19.4	27.8		5.6		11.1		2.8		2.8	5.6		27.8
25,000 and under 100,000	16	31.2	31.2				6.2							31.2
100,000 and over	46	23.9	32.6		4.3		2.2		2.2			10.9	10.9	17.4
All communities	135	22.2	29.6		5.9		8.9		1.5		.7	9.6	5.2	22.2

[1] A few persons reporting changes in the use of more than one textile fiber account for the discrepancies between the total of the percentages and 100.

[2] More rubberized aprons in 1927 than five years previous: In communities of under 5,000, 4.1 per cent; of 5,000 and under 25,000, 2.4 per cent; of 25,000 and under 100,000, 5.6 per cent; of 100,000 and over, 16.7 per cent; all groups, 7.6 per cent. Rubberized aprons in 1927 but not five years previous: In communities of 25,000 and under 100,000, 5.6 per cent; of 100,000 and over, 4.2 per cent; all groups, 2.1 per cent.

[3] More linen house dresses in 1927 than five years previous: On farms, 8.3 per cent; in communities of 5,000 and under 25,000, 3.2 per cent; all groups, 1.9 per cent.

[4] More linen summer dresses in 1927 than five years previous: On farms, 7.7 per cent; in communities of 100,000 and over, 2.1 per cent; all groups, 1.4 per cent.

[5] Linen blouses five years previous but not in 1927: On farms, 7.1 per cent; all groups, 0.7 per cent.

TABLE 4.—*Comparison of textile fibers used in different garments during year ended in the spring of 1927 and during the corresponding period five years previous, by 175 self-supporting single women 18 years of age and over, classified according to size of residence community* [1]—Continued

Garment and size of residence community	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fiber	More cotton in 1927 than five years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
Slips:	*No.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Farm	14	-----	14.3	-----	71.4	-----	-----	7.1	-----	7.1	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	31	3.2	16.1	3.2	51.6	12.9	-----	-----	12.9	-----	-----	-----	3.2	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	42	2.4	7.1	-----	80.9	2.4	2.4	2.4	7.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	23	-----	13.0	-----	60.9	17.4	-----	-----	8.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	52	-----	21.1	-----	57.7	1.9	-----	7.7	15.4	3.8	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	162	1.2	14.8	.6	64.2	6.2	.6	3.7	10.5	1.8	-----	-----	.6	-----
Petticoats:														
Farm	14	28.6	21.4	-----	7.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	42.9	7.1	7.1
Under 5,000	30	23.3	13.3	3.3	16.7	6.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	23.3	23.3	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	39	28.2	5.1	2.6	10.3	-----	-----	-----	2.6	-----	-----	43.6	20.5	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	18	38.9	11.1	-----	11.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	33.3	11.1	-----
100,000 and over	45	31.1	13.3	-----	13.3	2.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	24.4	22.2	-----
All communities	146	29.4	11.6	1.4	12.3	2.0	-----	-----	.7	-----	-----	32.2	19.2	.7
Chemises and combinations:														
Farm	17	41.2	11.8	-----	41.2	5.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	31	9.7	29.0	-----	45.2	3.2	-----	-----	3.2	-----	-----	12.9	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	45	8.9	17.8	-----	51.1	6.7	-----	2.2	4.4	2.2	-----	13.3	2.2	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	21	14.3	9.5	-----	57.1	9.5	-----	-----	4.8	-----	-----	4.8	-----	-----
100,000 and over	53	3.8	28.3	-----	52.8	9.4	-----	1.9	3.8	-----	-----	5.7	-----	-----
All communities	167	11.4	21.6	-----	50.3	7.2	-----	1.2	3.6	.6	-----	8.4	.6	-----
Brassieres:														
Farm	15	13.3	46.6	-----	33.3	-----	-----	6.7	6.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	33	9.1	57.6	-----	18.2	3.0	-----	-----	9.1	-----	-----	6.1	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	42	9.5	47.6	-----	23.8	-----	-----	2.4	7.1	2.3	-----	7.1	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	21	28.6	38.1	-----	19.0	9.5	-----	-----	4.8	4.8	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	51	19.6	47.1	-----	19.6	3.9	-----	2.0	7.8	2.0	-----	2.0	-----	-----
All communities	162	15.4	48.1	-----	21.6	3.1	-----	1.8	7.4	1.8	-----	3.7	-----	-----
Bloomers:														
Farm	17	-----	11.8	-----	52.9	29.4	-----	5.9	-----	5.9	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	32	3.1	15.6	-----	40.6	28.1	-----	-----	9.4	12.5	-----	6.2	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	43	-----	7.0	2.3	53.5	18.6	-----	-----	20.9	7.0	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	22	-----	9.1	-----	59.1	36.4	-----	-----	4.5	9.1	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	51	7.8	17.6	-----	39.2	17.6	-----	-----	17.6	3.9	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	165	3.0	12.7	.6	47.3	23.6	-----	.6	13.3	7.3	-----	1.2	-----	-----
Drawers and step-ins:														
Farm	14	28.6	28.6	-----	42.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	31	35.5	22.6	-----	25.8	3.2	-----	-----	9.7	3.2	-----	-----	3.2	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	41	36.6	12.2	-----	34.1	4.9	-----	2.4	2.4	2.4	-----	9.8	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	23	34.8	13.0	-----	39.1	-----	-----	-----	4.3	-----	-----	4.3	-----	-----
100,000 and over	50	26.0	20.0	-----	32.0	6.0	-----	4.0	8.0	2.0	-----	6.0	2.0	-----
All communities	159	32.1	18.2	-----	33.3	3.8	-----	1.9	5.7	1.9	-----	5.0	1.3	-----
Undershirts and vests:														
Farm	13	23.1	7.7	-----	53.8	7.7	-----	7.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	30	16.7	26.7	-----	36.7	13.3	-----	-----	6.7	-----	-----	10.0	3.3	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	41	12.2	14.6	-----	53.7	7.3	-----	2.4	7.3	-----	-----	12.2	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	23	17.4	17.4	-----	56.5	13.0	-----	-----	4.3	4.3	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	54	11.1	31.5	-----	40.7	11.1	-----	-----	1.8	-----	-----	3.7	-----	-----
All communities	161	14.3	22.4	-----	46.6	10.6	-----	1.2	4.3	.6	-----	6.2	.6	-----

[1] A few persons reporting changes in the use of more than one textile fiber account for the discrepancies between the total of the percentages and 100.

TABLE 4.—*Comparison of textile fibers used in different garments during year ended in the spring of 1927 and during the corresponding period five years previous, by 175 self-supporting single women 18 years of age and over, classified according to size of residence community*[1]—Continued

Garment and size of residence community	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fiber	More cotton in 1927 than five years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
Knit union suits:	*No.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Farm	12	58.3	25.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	8.3	-----	-----	-----	8.3	-----	-----
Under 5,000	27	48.1	18.5	-----	11.1	-----	3.7	-----	-----	3.7	-----	14.8	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	37	45.9	24.3	-----	-----	2.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	27.0	2.7	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	20	60.0	30.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	10.0	-----	-----
100,000 and over	44	36.4	43.2	-----	2.3	9.1	2.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.5	-----	2.3
All communities	140	46.4	30.0	-----	2.9	3.6	1.4	.7	-----	.7	-----	13.6	.7	.7
Nightgowns:														
Farm	15	6.7	80.0	-----	6.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	6.7	-----	-----
Under 5,000	34	-----	58.8	-----	38.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2.9	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	44	9.1	59.1	-----	22.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	9.1	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	22	-----	72.7	-----	27.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	54	1.8	57.4	-----	33.3	1.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3.7	1.8	-----
All communities	169	3.5	62.1	-----	28.4	.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.7	.6	-----
Pajamas:														
Farm	12	33.3	41.7	-----	25.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	27	74.1	22.2	-----	3.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	37	35.1	35.1	-----	18.9	-----	-----	5.4	2.7	-----	-----	2.7	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	20	60.0	35.0	-----	5.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	45	62.2	22.2	-----	4.4	2.2	-----	8.9	4.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	141	54.6	29.1	-----	9.9	.7	-----	4.3	2.1	-----	-----	.7	-----	-----
Kimonos and negligees:														
Farm	16	-----	56.2	-----	31.2	-----	-----	6.2	6.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	32	-----	40.6	3.1	56.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	42	-----	50.0	-----	38.1	-----	2.4	-----	9.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	20	-----	55.0	5.0	40.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	50	-----	70.0	2.0	26.0	-----	-----	-----	2.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	160	-----	55.6	1.9	37.5	-----	.6	.6	3.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Bath robes:														
Farm	13	15.4	69.2	-----	-----	-----	7.7	7.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	30	-----	83.3	3.3	-----	-----	6.7	3.3	-----	-----	3.3	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	38	2.6	81.6	-----	7.9	-----	7.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	22	4.5	81.8	4.5	-----	-----	4.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.5	-----	-----
100,000 and over	51	3.9	80.4	-----	3.9	-----	3.9	2.0	-----	-----	-----	5.9	-----	-----
All communities	154	3.9	80.5	1.3	3.2	-----	5.8	1.9	-----	-----	.6	2.6	-----	-----
Stockings:														
Farm	17	-----	35.3	-----	64.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under 5,000	34	-----	41.2	-----	55.9	2.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5,000 and under 25,000	42	-----	38.1	-----	59.5	-----	2.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25,000 and under 100,000	22	-----	63.6	-----	36.4	4.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
100,000 and over	55	-----	55.4	3.6	40.0	-----	1.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All communities	170	-----	47.6	1.2	50.0	1.2	1.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

[1] A few persons reporting changes in the use of more than one textile fiber account for the discrepancies between the total of the percentages and 100.

According to a survey conducted in February, 1927, by the National Dry Goods Association, 63 per cent of 2,000 consumers 18 to 50 years of age, located in 24 States, use rayon underwear.[1]

In the light of the high percentage of rayon sales shown by the survey of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, the low percentage of women reporting "more rayon" garments in this study makes it seem certain that the replies under the heading "more silk" for certain garments include rayon in many cases. It is desirable, therefore, in reading Tables 2, 3, and 4, and also Tables 7, 8, and 9, to consider the "more silk" and "more rayon" replies together.

In no case, of course, do the figures show that either silk or rayon has completely replaced cotton in any garment for which the change is noted. They merely indicate that a certain percentage of the women included in the survey were wearing more silk or rayon garments of certain kinds in 1927 than they were five years previous. Some women may have worn silk or rayon summer dresses only on special occasions during 1927, who five years before did not wear them at all; or, for some women a silk or rayon garment, such as a slip, may have replaced a cotton underskirt.

An analysis of representative prices of best sellers in women's underwear from October 1 to December 31, 1926, obtained from 327 retail stores by the National Retail Dry Goods Association,[2] shows that most items of rayon underwear were about twice as expensive as corresponding garments of cotton and that silk garments were about a third more expensive than similar ones of rayon.

Since, then, the initial cost for silk or rayon garments is greater than for cotton garments, and the amount of money spent for clothing is limited for the majority of persons, the scale of percentages for "more silk" and "more rayon" as shown in Tables 2, 3, and 4, may be taken as indicative of the garments for which women are willing to spend more money than formerly. The relatively low percentage of each of the three classes reporting "more silk" for nightgowns, for example, indicates that with a given amount of money women will purchase silk stockings or silk dresses before they will purchase silk nightgowns.

Size of residence community influences the percentage of women reporting "more silk" and "more rayon" differently for the various garments. This is particularly true of single women supported by the family income and of self-supporting single women. In most cases a lower percentage of married women living on farms reported changing from cotton to silk or rayon than women in the other residence groups. Married women living in cities of 25,000 and under 100,000 made the greatest change, and the trend in the percentages increased from the farm to the 25,000 and under 100,000 group, although somewhat irregularly in the case of some garments, with increase in size of residence community. The relatively low

[1] National Retail Dry Goods Association. Trend of women's underwear sales. New York, 1927, p. 25.
[2] Ibid., p. 37.

percentage of married women in cities of 100,000 and over, in comparison with those in cities of 25,000 and under 100,000, reporting the use of "more silk and rayon" for all garments was due to the relatively higher percentage reporting "no change" in the case of most of the garments. "No change" for married women in cities of 100,000 and over undoubtedly refers in a large proportion of cases to no change from the use of silk or rayon, and is probably explained by the fact that women in large cities had begun to wear silk and rayon by 1922, whereas by those in smaller towns the change was made later.

A study of the replies for all communities given under the various garments shows that the highest percentages of "less cotton and more silk and rayon" for practically all of the garments were reported by the single women supported by their families. Self-supporting single women show the next highest percentages in this comparison, and the married women the lowest of all.

The single women supported by their families are undoubtedly younger than those who are earning their own living, and this may account for some of the differences in the use of textile fibers reported by the two groups. For instance, the fact that young women 18, 19, and 20 years old in 1927, when they answered the questionnaire, reported a greater use of rayon and silk garments than in 1922, when they were girls of 13, 14, and 15, may be in some measure explained by a general change in the type of clothing worn at these ages rather than by a shift in textile fibers. However, it is unquestionably true that more rayon and silk garments were being worn in 1927 by young girls as well as by young women, and a comparison of the clothing worn at that time by these two groups would show less change than is recorded in these figures.

CHANGES IN KIND OF GARMENTS WORN BY WOMEN

In order to determine the changes in kind of garments worn by married women, single women 18 years of age and over who are supported by the family income, and self-supporting single women 18 years of age and over, the percentages of all women in each of these classifications who reported garments as "never worn" and "worn five years ago but now now" are given in Table 5 for all residence groups combined.

The relative popularity of the various articles of underwear and night garments can be deduced from the percentages of women reporting not wearing these garments in 1927. The preference for slips on the part of all three classes of women, for example, is clearly seen when a high percentage of the women in each residence group reported that they were not wearing petticoats, while only a very small percentage reported not wearing slips.

TABLE 5.—*Proportion of 701 married women, 444 single women supported by the family income, and 175 self-supporting single women not wearing certain garments during the year ended in the spring of 1927*

Kind of garment	Proportion of women not wearing specified kind of garment during past year, classified according to whether they were—		
	Married women	Single women supported by family income	Self-supporting single women
	Per cent	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Aprons	2.1	7.2	10.4
House or school dresses	.8	----------	5.4
Blouses	62.8	29.1	60.4
Skirts	56.8	29.9	59.2
Slips	1.9	2.3	1.8
Petticoats	63.6	71.7	81.5
Chemises and combinations	27.9	16.9	20.4
Brassieres	21.1	5.4	19.1
Bloomers	21.2	5.4	4.2
Drawers and step-ins	45.8	31.1	38.4
Undershirts and vests	27.0	25.1	21.1
Knit union suits	30.4	72.1	61.4
Nightgowns	1.3	16.3	8.8
Pajamas	76.3	27.9	55.3
Kimonos and negligees	10.8	4.9	----------
Bath robes	17.1	9.8	6.5

INFLUENCE OF SIZE OF INCOME ON TEXTILE FIBERS USED IN WOMEN'S GARMENTS

The influence of size of family income on the changes in the kind of textile fibers used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and that used during a corresponding period five years previous is shown in Table 7 for 470 married women and Table 8 for 352 single women supported by their families. The influence of the size of their own income on the changes made by 158 self-supporting single women is given in Table 9. These tables include the replies of the same women whose replies are tabulated in Tables 2, 3, and 4, with the exception of those living on farms. As has been stated, the money income of farm families is not comparable with that of city families, and the replies of women living on farms have therefore been omitted from the analysis of the effect of income upon kinds of textile fiber used.

Table 6 shows the distribution of the three classes of women in the various income groups.

TABLE 6.—*Married women, single women supported by their families, and self-supporting single women, distributed according to size of income*

Status of women	Distribution of women according to income					
	Unknown	Under $3,000	$3,000 and under $5,000	$5,000 and under $10,000	$10,000 and over	All incomes
Married women	84	160	126	79	21	470
Single women supported by their families	81	95	81	74	21	352
Self-supporting single women	13	119	[1] 26	----------	----------	158

[1] Group includes all incomes $3,000 and over.

TABLE 7.—*Comparison of textile fibers used in different garments during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and during the corresponding period five years previous, by 470 married women, classified according to family income*[1]

Garment and income groups	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous, but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fibers	More cotton in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
Aprons:[2]	*No.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Income unknown	75	2.7	97.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	148	2.0	91.2	-----	-----	0.7	-----	1.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	120	2.5	89.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	75	2.7	90.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1.3	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	20	5.0	80.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	438	2.5	91.1	-----	-----	.2	-----	.5	-----	-----	-----	.2	-----	-----
House dresses:														
Income unknown	56	-----	89.3	1.8	7.1	-----	1.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	101	1.0	74.3	6.9	13.9	1.0	-----	2.0	-----	-----	-----	1.0	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	88	2.3	79.5	4.5	7.9	3.4	1.1	1.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	59	-----	69.5	5.1	23.7	1.7	3.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	13	-----	61.5	-----	30.8	-----	15.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	317	.9	77.0	4.7	13.6	1.6	1.9	.9	-----	-----	-----	.3	-----	-----
Summer dresses:[3]														
Income unknown	73	-----	28.8	1.4	69.9	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	132	-----	34.8	3.0	59.1	3.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.8	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	116	-----	31.9	1.7	64.7	2.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	70	-----	25.7	2.9	71.4	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	20	-----	25.0	10.0	70.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	411	-----	30.9	2.7	65.2	2.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.2	-----
Winter dresses:														
Income unknown	69	-----	44.9	-----	43.5	-----	15.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	121	-----	38.0	-----	41.3	-----	22.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	105	-----	43.8	-----	50.5	-----	7.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	62	-----	33.9	-----	51.6	-----	16.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	16	-----	18.7	-----	68.7	-----	12.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	373	-----	39.4	-----	47.2	-----	15.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Blouses:[4]														
Income unknown	.67	38.8	22.4	-----	16.4	-----	-----	1.5	-----	-----	-----	14.9	7.5	-----
Under $3,000	123	26.8	28.5	1.6	18.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	11.4	17.1	0.8
$3,000 and under $5,000	101	26.7	20.8	2.0	18.8	-----	-----	-----	1.0	-----	-----	26.7	13.9	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	60	26.7	20.0	1.7	25.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	18.3	13.3	-----
$10,000 and over	15	20.0	26.7	-----	6.7	-----	6.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	26.7	6.7	-----
All incomes	366	28.7	23.8	1.4	18.8	-----	.3	.3	.3	-----	-----	18.0	13.4	.3
Skirts:														
Income unknown	50	32.0	32.0	-----	10.0	-----	8.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	6.0	2.0	12.0
Under $3,000	107	28.0	30.8	-----	6.5	-----	9.3	-----	.9	-----	-----	6.5	2.8	15.9
$3,000 and under $5,000	88	26.1	31.8	1.1	5.7	1.1	5.7	-----	1.1	-----	-----	9.1	7.9	21.6
$5,000 and under $10,000	67	20.9	34.3	-----	9.0	-----	14.9	-----	-----	-----	1.5	6.6	1.5	19.4
$10,000 and over	15	13.3	46.7	-----	13.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	6.7	6.7	26.7
All incomes	327	26.0	32.7	.3	7.6	.3	8.9	-----	.6	-----	.3	7.0	3.9	18.0

A few persons reporting changes in the use of more than one textile fiber account for the discrepancies between the total of the percentages and 100.

[2] More rubberized aprons in 1927 than five years previous: By those with incomes of under $3,000, 4 per cent; of $3,000 and under $5,000, 6.7 per cent; of $5,000 and under $10,000, 5.3 per cent; of $10,000 and over, 15 per cent; all incomes, 4.8 per cent. Rubberized aprons in 1921 but not five years previous: By those with incomes of under $3,000, 0.7 per cent; $3,000 and under $5,000, 2.5 per cent; all incomes, 0.9 per cent.

[3] More linen summer dresses in 1927 than five years previous: By those with incomes of $3,000 and under $5,000, 0.9 per cent; all incomes, 0.2 per cent.

[4] More linen blouses in 1927 than five years previous: By those with incomes of $10,000 and over, 6.7 per cent; all incomes, 0.3 per cent. Linen blouses five years previous but not in 1927: Unknown income, 3 per cent; all incomes, 0.5 per cent.

TABLE 7.—*Comparison of textile fibers used in different garments during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and during the corresponding period five years previous, by 470 married women, classified according to family income*[1]—Continued

Garment and income groups	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous, but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fibers	More cotton in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
	No.	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Slips:														
Income unknown	71	-----	25.3	7.0	54.9	4.2	-----	5.6	2.8	-----	-----	1.4	-----	-----
Under $3,000	148	-----	24.3	7.4	51.3	8.8	-----	2.7	5.4	1.3	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	121	0.8	22.3	2.5	62.0	5.8	-----	4.1	6.6	2.5	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	78	-----	17.9	1.3	66.7	9.0	-----	-----	7.7	1.3	-----	1.3	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	22	-----	22.7	-----	72.7	9.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	440	.2	22.7	4.5	58.6	7.3	-----	2.9	5.4	1.4	-----	.7	-----	-----
Petticoats:														
Income unknown	54	27.8	16.7	1.8	16.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	37.0	3.7	-----
Under $3,000	117	29.9	24.8	.8	20.5	1.7	-----	-----	.8	-----	-----	21.4	4.3	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	95	24.2	23.2	1.0	12.6	-----	-----	-----	1.0	-----	-----	32.6	11.6	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	67	31.3	22.4	-----	17.9	3.0	-----	-----	1.5	-----	-----	20.9	9.0	-----
$10,000 and over	15	20.0	13.3	6.7	13.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	33.3	20.0	-----
All incomes	348	27.9	22.1	1.1	16.9	1.1	-----	-----	.9	-----	-----	27.3	7.8	-----
Chemises and combinations:														
Income unknown	74	25.7	21.6	-----	43.2	9.5	-----	1.3	-----	1.3	-----	2.7	1.3	-----
Under $3,000	135	20.0	30.4	-----	37.8	5.9	-----	.7	1.5	1.5	-----	4.4	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	114	17.5	30.7	-----	35.1	5.3	-----	.9	2.6	.9	-----	9.6	.9	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	71	19.7	29.6	-----	45.1	2.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2.8	2.8	-----
$10,000 and over	19	21.0	26.3	-----	42.1	5.3	-----	5.3	-----	-----	-----	5.3	-----	-----
All incomes	413	20.3	28.6	-----	39.5	5.8	-----	1.0	1.2	1.0	-----	5.3	1.0	-----
Brassieres:														
Income unknown	71	21.1	56.3	-----	14.1	-----	-----	4.2	4.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	131	19.1	63.4	-----	9.2	1.5	-----	2.3	-----	-----	-----	3.0	1.5	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	111	17.1	60.4	-----	9.0	2.7	-----	3.6	1.8	-----	-----	5.4	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	77	20.8	53.2	-----	19.5	2.6	-----	5.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	19	5.3	63.2	-----	21.0	5.3	-----	5.3	-----	-----	-----	5.3	-----	-----
All incomes	409	18.6	59.4	-----	12.5	2.0	-----	3.7	1.2	-----	-----	2.7	.5	-----
Bloomers:														
Income unknown	75	25.3	20.0	2.7	40.0	10.7	-----	2.7	1.3	-----	1.3	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	143	19.6	21.7	3.5	39.2	13.3	-----	2.1	3.5	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	116	24.1	14.7	1.7	35.3	11.2	-----	1.7	8.6	5.2	-----	2.6	2.6	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	73	17.8	16.4	1.4	46.6	13.7	-----	-----	5.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	20	15.0	15.0	-----	50.0	10.0	-----	5.0	5.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	427	21.3	18.3	2.3	40.0	12.2	-----	1.9	5.0	1.9	.2	.7	.7	-----
Drawers and step-ins:														
Income unknown	69	52.2	23.2	-----	20.3	1.4	-----	1.4	-----	-----	-----	2.9	-----	-----
Under $3,000	128	32.8	42.2	-----	21.1	1.6	-----	.8	1.6	.8	-----	3.1	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	102	39.2	25.5	-----	20.6	5.9	-----	1.0	-----	1.0	-----	5.9	1.0	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	70	35.7	22.9	-----	35.7	2.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.3	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	18	27.8	33.3	-----	33.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	11.1	-----	-----
All incomes	387	38.2	30.5	-----	24.0	2.8	-----	.8	.5	.5	-----	4.4	.3	-----
Undershirts and vests:														
Income unknown	70	27.1	30.0	-----	34.3	8.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1.4	-----	-----
Under $3,000	135	18.5	45.9	-----	25.9	6.7	-----	-----	1.5	.7	-----	3.7	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	111	21.6	33.3	-----	25.2	12.6	-----	1.8	3.6	2.7	-----	2.7	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	73	20.5	21.9	4.1	41.1	8.2	-----	-----	1.4	-----	-----	4.1	1.4	-----
$10,000 and over	17	5.9	35.3	5.9	41.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	17.6	-----	-----
All incomes	406	20.7	35.0	1.0	30.5	8.6	-----	.5	1.7	1.0	-----	3.7	.2	-----

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TABLE 7.—*Comparison of textile fibers used in different garments during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and during the corresponding period five years previous, by 470 married women, classified according to family income* [1]—Continued

Garment and income groups	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous, but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fibers	More cotton in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
Knit union suits:	*No.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Income unknown	62	30.6	53.2	1.6	4.8	-----	-----	3.2	1.6	-----	1.6	6.4	-----	-----
Under $3,000	130	22.3	60.0	6.9	3.1	-----	2.3	1.5	-----	-----	-----	5.4	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	113	24.8	51.3	2.6	5.3	-----	1.8	1.8	1.8	-----	.9	10.6	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	68	33.8	38.2	7.3	11.8	1.5	2.9	5.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	14	35.7	35.7	-----	7.1	7.1	-----	7.1	-----	-----	-----	7.1	-----	-----
All incomes	387	26.9	51.7	4.6	5.7	.5	1.8	2.8	.8	-----	.5	6.2	-----	-----
Nightgowns:														
Income unknown	77	1.3	87.0	-----	10.4	-----	-----	1.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	157	1.3	86.0	-----	10.8	1.3	-----	.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	121	.8	83.3	-----	14.9	1.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	77	1.3	74.0	1.3	23.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1.3	-----
$10,000 and over	20	5.0	45.0	-----	50.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	452	1.3	81.6	.2	15.7	.9	-----	.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	.2	-----
Pajamas:														
Income unknown	63	76.2	15.9	-----	6.3	-----	-----	-----	1.6	-----	-----	-----	1.6	-----
Under $3,000	121	72.7	23.1	-----	3.3	-----	-----	.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	107	76.6	17.8	-----	3.7	.9	-----	.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	68	75.0	19.1	-----	5.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	18	55.6	11.1	-----	16.7	-----	-----	5.6	5.6	-----	-----	5.6	-----	-----
All incomes	377	74.0	19.1	-----	5.0	.3	-----	.8	.5	-----	-----	.3	.3	-----
Kimonos and negligees:														
Income unknown	75	9.3	64.0	1.3	24.0	-----	1.3	1.3	1.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	139	11.5	61.9	2.9	20.1	-----	.7	.7	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	112	2.7	70.5	2.7	22.3	-----	.9	-----	.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	76	1.3	56.6	8.0	31.6	1.3	-----	-----	1.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	21	-----	47.6	-----	52.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	423	6.4	62.9	3.3	25.1	.2	.7	.7	1.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Bath robes:														
Income unknown	64	12.5	70.3	3.1	7.8	-----	4.7	1.6	-----	-----	1.6	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	130	12.3	74.6	1.5	.8	-----	6.9	2.3	-----	-----	.8	.8	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	108	8.3	82.4	2.8	3.7	-----	2.8	.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	72	8.3	76.4	1.4	5.6	-----	4.2	1.4	-----	-----	2.8	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	17	11.8	70.6	5.9	-----	-----	17.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	391	10.5	76.2	2.3	3.6	-----	5.4	1.5	-----	-----	1.0	.3	-----	-----
Stockings:														
Income unknown	78	-----	19.2	1.3	78.2	1.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	155	-----	25.2	-----	71.6	4.5	.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	122	-----	30.3	-----	69.7	.8	1.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	78	-----	29.5	-----	70.5	1.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	20	-----	40.0	-----	60.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	453	-----	26.9	.	2 71.	5 2.2	.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

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Garment and income groups	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fibers	More cotton in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
	No.	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Aprons: [2]														
Income unknown	66	12.1	84.8	-----	1.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	80	5.0	90.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	66	4.5	84.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	3.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	57	10.5	78.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	1.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	14	7.1	85.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	283	7.8	85.2	-----	.3	-----	-----	1.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
House dresses: [3]														
Income unknown	46	-----	32.6	2.2	58.7	-----	6.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	49	-----	40.8	6.1	46.9	6.1	4.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	60	-----	48.3	1.7	41.7	1.7	15.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	55	-----	34.5	-----	60.0	-----	10.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	7	-----	14.3	14.3	71.4	-----	28.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	217	-----	38.7	2.8	52.1	1.8	10.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Summer dresses: [4]														
Income unknown	72	-----	13.9	-----	84.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	86	-----	11.6	3.5	81.4	7.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	77	-----	-----	10.4	89.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	67	-----	10.4	3.0	85.1	3.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	21	-----	9.5	9.5	85.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	323	-----	9.0	4.6	85.1	2.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Winter dresses:														
Income unknown	66	-----	28.8	-----	48.5	-----	34.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	81	-----	14.8	-----	58.0	1.2	30.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	71	-----	19.7	-----	63.4	-----	25.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	64	-----	14.1	1.6	62.5	-----	31.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	19	-----	21.0	-----	68.4	-----	26.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	301	-----	19.3	.3	58.8	.3	30.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Blouses: [5]														
Income unknown	73	23.3	41.1	4.1	27.4	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.1	-----	-----
Under $3,000	76	10.5	30.3	3.9	34.2	-----	-----	1.3	3.9	-----	-----	11.8	5.3	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	66	21.2	24.2	4.5	30.3	-----	-----	3.0	1.5	-----	-----	10.6	6.1	1.5
$5,000 and under $10,000	56	12.5	32.1	12.5	25.0	1.8	-----	7.1	-----	-----	-----	8.9	1.8	-----
$10,000 and over	17	5.9	58.8	5.9	5.9	-----	-----	5.9	-----	-----	-----	17.6	-----	-----
All incomes	288	16.3	33.7	5.9	28.1	.7	-----	2.8	1.4	-----	-----	9.4	3.1	.3
Skirts:														
Income unknown	65	27.7	29.2	-----	18.5	-----	21.5	-----	-----	-----	1.5	1.5	-----	3.1
Under $3,000	71	15.5	29.6	-----	14.1	-----	26.8	-----	1.4	-----	-----	4.2	1.4	9.9
$3,000 and under $5,000	61	13.1	26.2	-----	21.3	-----	19.7	-----	-----	-----	3.3	1.6	3.3	18.0
$5,000 and under $10,000	66	15.1	33.3	1.5	16.7	-----	24.2	-----	-----	-----	1.5	1.5	-----	7.6
$10,000 and over	16	6.2	75.0	-----	12.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	6.2
All incomes	279	17.2	32.3	.4	17.2	-----	21.9	-----	.4	-----	1.4	2.1	1.1	9.3

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[2] More rubberized aprons in 1927 than five years previous: By those with unknown income, 1.5 per cent; under $3,000, 3.7 per cent; $3,000 and under $5,000, 9.1 per cent; $5,000 and under $10,000, 5.3 per cent; $10,000 and over, 7.1 per cent; all incomes, 4.9 per cent. Rubberized aprons in 1927 but not five years previous: By those with incomes of under $3,000, 1.2 per cent; of $3,000 and under $5,000, 1.5 per cent; of $5,000 and under $10,000, 3.5 per cent; all incomes, 1.4 per cent.

[3] More linen house or school dresses in 1927 than five years previous: By those with unknown income, 4.3 per cent; $5,000 and under $10,000, 1.8 per cent; all incomes, 1.4 per cent.

[4] More linen summer dresses in 1927 than five years previous: By those with unknown income, 1.4 per cent; all incomes, 0.3 per cent.

[5] More linen blouses in 1927 than five years previous: By those with unknown income, 1.4 per cent; all incomes, 0.3 per cent.

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					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
Slips:	*No.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Income unknown	75	6.7	9.3	-----	80.0	-----	-----	-----	4.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	91	1.1	12.1	-----	64.8	9.9	-----	1.1	9.9	1.1	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	79	-----	7.6	-----	87.3	7.6	-----	-----	2.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	71	1.4	5.6	1.4	81.7	4.2	-----	1.4	5.6	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	20	-----	20.0	-----	80.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	336	2.1	9.5	.3	78.0	5.4	-----	.6	5.4	.6	-----	-----	-----	-----
Petticoats:														
Income unknown	66	45.4	10.6	-----	27.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	16.7	1.5	-----
Under $3,000	73	47.9	8.2	-----	15.1	1.4	-----	-----	2.7	-----	-----	24.7	1.4	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	51	45.1	5.9	2.0	13.7	-----	-----	-----	2.0	-----	-----	25.5	7.8	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	60	41.7	5.0	-----	23.3	1.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	28.3	1.7	-----
$10,000 and over	16	43.7	12.5	-----	12.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	31.2	-----	-----
All incomes	266	45.1	7.9	.4	19.5	.7	-----	-----	1.1	-----	-----	24.1	2.6	-----
Chemises and combinations:														
Income unknown	73	13.7	8.2	-----	71.2	2.7	-----	-----	1.4	-----	-----	5.5	-----	-----
Under $3,000	85	10.6	25.9	-----	49.4	4.7	-----	2.3	4.7	1.2	-----	1.2	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	75	16.0	16.0	-----	53.3	12.0	-----	-----	4.0	2.7	-----	5.3	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	70	10.0	14.3	-----	64.3	8.6	-----	-----	1.4	-----	-----	4.3	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	21	14.3	9.5	-----	66.7	4.8	-----	-----	9.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	324	12.6	16.0	-----	59.6	6.8	-----	.6	3.4	.9	-----	3.7	-----	-----
Brassieres:														
Income unknown	69	2.9	43.5	-----	50.7	-----	-----	-----	1.4	-----	-----	-----	1.4	-----
Under $3,000	87	4.6	56.3	-----	25.3	2.3	-----	8.0	1.1	-----	-----	1.1	1.1	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	73	6.8	47.9	-----	34.2	5.5	-----	4.1	2.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	73	5.5	38.4	-----	42.5	1.0	-----	-----	4.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	19	-----	57.9	-----	42.1	-----	-----	-----	5.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	321	4.7	47.7	-----	37.7	4.4	-----	3.1	2.5	-----	-----	.3	.6	-----
Bloomers:														
Income unknown	78	-----	10.3	1.3	83.3	3.8	-----	-----	2.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	91	3.3	17.5	1.1	54.9	20.9	-----	3.3	5.5	-----	-----	1.1	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	77	10.4	5.2	1.3	62.3	18.2	-----	-----	3.9	5.2	-----	3.9	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	74	4.0	5.4	5.4	64.9	16.2	-----	-----	2.7	2.7	-----	1.3	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	21	4.8	19.0	-----	71.4	4.8	-----	-----	-----	4.8	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	341	4.4	10.6	2.0	66.3	14.4	-----	.9	3.5	2.0	-----	1.5	-----	-----
Drawers and step-ins:														
Income unknown	74	31.1	5.4	-----	62.5	1.3	-----	-----	1.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	77	31.2	19.5	-----	36.4	6.5	-----	3.9	6.5	-----	-----	2.6	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	66	24.2	9.1	-----	53.0	9.1	-----	1.5	1.5	-----	-----	3.0	1.5	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	70	18.6	20.0	-----	51.4	1.4	-----	1.4	-----	1.4	-----	5.7	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	17	5.9	17.6	-----	70.6	-----	-----	-----	11.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	304	25.3	13.8	-----	51.6	4.3	-----	1.6	3.0	.3	-----	2.6	.3	-----
Undershirts and vests:														
Income unknown	71	32.4	9.9	-----	52.1	1.4	-----	-----	1.4	-----	-----	2.8	-----	-----
Under $3,000	81	23.5	14.8	-----	48.1	2.5	3.7	1.2	3.7	1.2	-----	2.5	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	73	17.8	12.3	-----	49.3	20.5	-----	-----	4.1	1.4	-----	4.1	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	72	13.9	11.1	-----	59.7	13.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.2	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	18	5.6	11.1	-----	61.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	22.2	5.6	-----
All incomes	315	20.9	12.1	-----	52.7	8.9	.9	.3	2.2	.6	-----	4.4	.3	-----

[1] A few persons reporting changes in the use of more than one textile fiber account for the discrepancies between the total of the percentages and 100.

TABLE 8.—*Comparison of textile fibers used in different garments during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and during the corresponding period five years previous, by 352 single women 18 years of age and over supported by the family income, classified according to family income*[1]—Continued

Garment and income groups	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fibers	More cotton in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
Knit union suits:	*No.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct*
Income unknown	59	79.7	3.4	-----	10.2	-----	-----	-----	1.7	-----	1.7	3.4	-----	1.7
Under $3,000	67	64.2	14.9	-----	3.0	-----	1.5	-----	-----	1.5	-----	10.4	-----	4.5
$3,000 and under $5,000	61	60.7	19.7	-----	4.9	-----	4.9	1.6	3.3	-----	-----	6.6	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	59	57.6	13.6	8.5	11.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	6.8	1.7	1.7
$10,000 and over	16	75.0	6.2	-----	6.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	12.5	-----	-----
All incomes	262	66.0	12.6	1.9	7.2	-----	1.5	.4	1.1	.4	.4	7.2	.4	2.0
Nightgowns:														
Income unknown	73	21.9	41.1	-----	32.9	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2.7	-----	-----
Under $3,000	87	5.7	71.3	-----	20.7	2.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1.1	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	73	6.8	63.0	-----	23.3	2.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5.5	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	69	20.3	43.5	-----	30.4	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5.8	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	18	27.8	44.4	-----	16.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5.6	-----	-----
All incomes	320	14.1	55.0	-----	26.0	1.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3.7	-----	-----
Pajamas:														
Income unknown	71	12.7	45.1	-----	35.2	2.8	1.4	4.2	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	79	34.2	34.2	-----	12.7	5.1	-----	12.7	2.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	72	33.3	45.8	-----	12.5	1.4	-----	5.6	2.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	69	20.3	50.7	-----	21.7	-----	1.4	5.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	21	4.8	47.6	-----	28.6	-----	-----	4.8	9.5	-----	-----	4.8	-----	-----
All incomes	312	24.0	43.9	-----	20.8	2.2	.6	7.0	2.2	-----	-----	.3	-----	-----
Kimonos and negligees:														
Income unknown	78	-----	39.7	2.6	55.1	1.3	-----	1.3	1.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	87	5.7	49.4	1.1	37.9	1.1	1.1	2.3	-----	1.1	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	74	-----	58.1	-----	39.2	-----	-----	1.3	1.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	72	-----	40.3	8.3	51.4	-----	-----	-----	1.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	20	-----	30.0	-----	65.0	-----	-----	-----	5.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	331	1.5	45.9	2.7	46.8	.6	.3	1.2	1.2	.3	-----	-----	-----	-----
Bath robes:														
Income unknown	65	-----	70.8	-----	20.0	-----	7.7	-----	-----	-----	1.5	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	75	16.0	62.7	1.3	4.0	-----	13.3	1.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1.3
$3,000 and under $5,000	66	7.6	80.3	1.5	1.5	-----	7.6	-----	-----	-----	1.5	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	69	4.3	75.4	1.4	8.7	-----	7.2	-----	2.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	20	-----	60.0	5.0	15.0	-----	10.0	-----	10.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	295	6.8	71.2	1.4	8.8	-----	9.1	.3	1.4	-----	.7	-----	-----	.3
Stockings:														
Income unknown	78	-----	25.6	2.6	71.8	2.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	91	-----	17.6	-----	79.1	6.6	1.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and under $5,000	80	-----	23.7	-----	76.2	1.2	1.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$5,000 and under $10,000	73	-----	17.8	1.4	80.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$10,000 and over	20	-----	35.0	-----	60.0	-----	5.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	342	-----	21.9	.9	76.0	2.6	.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

[1] A few persons reporting changes in the use of more than one textile fiber account for the discrepancies between the total of the percentages and 100.

TABLE 9.—*Comparison of textile fibers used in different garments during year ended in the spring of 1927 and during the corresponding period five years previous, by 158 self-supporting single women 18 years of age and over, classified according to income*[1]

Garment and income groups	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fibers	More cotton in 1927 than five years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
Aprons:[2]	*No.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Income unknown	10	-----	100.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	104	10.6	77.9	-----	1.0	-----	-----	1.0	-----	-----	-----	1.9	-----	-----
$3,00 and over	18	5.6	55.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5.6	-----	-----
All incomes	132	9.1	76.5	-----	.8	-----	-----	.8	-----	-----	-----	2.3	-----	-----
House dresses:[3]														
Income unknown	6	-----	16.7	-----	50.0	16.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	74	5.4	40.5	5.4	39.2	1.3	8.1	-----	1.3	-----	-----	2.7	-----	-----
$3,000 and over	15	-----	33.3	-----	66.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	95	4.2	37.9	4.2	44.2	2.1	6.3	-----	1.0	-----	-----	2.1	-----	-----
Summer dresses:[4]														
Income unknown	9	-----	-----	22.2	66.7	-----	-----	-----	11.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	102	-----	22.5	2.9	73.5	1.0	-----	-----	1.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and over	18	-----	16.7	-----	83.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	129	-----	20.2	3.9	74.4	.8	-----	-----	1.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Winter dresses:														
Income unknown	10	-----	60.0	-----	30.0	-----	20.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	94	-----	31.9	-----	55.3	-----	17.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and over	18	-----	33.3	-----	61.1	-----	5.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	122	-----	34.4	-----	54.1	-----	15.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Blouses:														
Income unknown	13	15.4	23.1	-----	15.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	38.5	23.1	-----
Under $3,000	100	19.0	24.0	6.0	17.0	-----	-----	-----	2.0	-----	-----	25.0	14.0	-----
$3,000 and over	20	20.0	30.0	-----	15.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	20.0	20.0	-----
All incomes	133	18.8	24.8	4.5	16.5	-----	-----	-----	1.5	-----	-----	25.6	15.8	-----
Skirts:														
Income unknown	12	33.3	8.3	-----	8.3	-----	16.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	8.3	16.7	16.7
Under $3,000	93	20.4	33.3	-----	6.4	-----	8.6	-----	2.1	-----	1.1	6.4	3.2	24.7
$3,000 and over	19	31.6	26.3	-----	5.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	21.0	10.5	10.5
All incomes	124	23.4	29.8	-----	6.4	-----	8.1	-----	1.6	-----	.8	8.9	5.6	21.8
Slips:														
Income unknown	12	-----	-----	-----	50.0	16.7	-----	-----	25.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	114	1.7	14.0	.9	64.0	6.1	.9	4.4	11.4	1.7	-----	-----	.9	-----
$3,000 and over	23	-----	26.0	-----	65.2	4.3	-----	-----	4.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	149	1.3	14.7	.7	63.1	6.7	.7	3.4	11.4	1.3	-----	-----	.7	-----
Petticoats:														
Income unknown	12	25.0	-----	-----	-----	16.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	41.7	33.3	-----
Under $3,000	99	32.3	11.1	2.0	15.1	-----	-----	-----	1.0	-----	-----	30.3	17.2	-----
$3,000 and over	21	19.0	14.3	-----	9.5	4.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	28.6	28.6	-----
All incomes	132	29.5	10.6	1.5	12.9	2.3	-----	-----	.8	-----	-----	31.1	20.4	-----

[1] A few persons reporting changes in the use of more than one textile fiber account for the discrepancies between the total of the percentages and 100.

[2] More rubberized aprons in 1927 than five years previous: By those with incomes of under $3,000, 6.7 per cent; of $3,000 and over, 22.2 per cent; all incomes, 8.3 per cent. Rubberized aprons in 1927 but not five years previous: By those with incomes of under $3,000, 1 per cent: of $3,000 and over, 11.1 per cent: all incomes, 2.3 per cent.

[3] More linen house dresses in 1927 than five years previous: By those with unknown incomes, 16.7 per cent; all incomes, 1 per cent.

[4] More linen summer dresses in 1927 than five years previous: By those with incomes of under $3,000, 1 per cent; all incomes, 0.8 per cent.

TABLE 9.—*Comparison of textile fibers used in different garments during year ended in the spring of 1927 and during the corresponding period five years previous, by 158 self-supporting single women 18 years of age and over, classified according to income*[1]—Continued

Garment and income groups	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fibers	More cotton in 1927 than five years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
Chemises and combinations:	*No.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Income unknown	13	23.1	7.7	-----	69.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	111	8.1	23.4	-----	49.5	9.9	-----	1.8	4.5	0.9	-----	8.1	0.9	-----
$3,000 and over	26	-----	26.9	-----	50.0	-----	-----	-----	3.8	-----	-----	30.8	-----	-----
All incomes	150	8.0	22.7	-----	51.3	7.3	-----	1.3	4.0	.7	-----	11.3	.7	-----
Brassieres:														
Income unknown	13	23.1	38.5	-----	30.8	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	7.7	-----	-----
Under $3,000	110	14.5	50.9	-----	20.0	4.5	-----	.9	6.4	1.8	-----	3.6	-----	-----
$3,000 and over	24	16.7	41.7	-----	16.7	-----	-----	4.2	16.7	4.2	-----	4.2	-----	-----
All incomes	147	15.6	48.3	-----	20.4	3.4	-----	1.4	7.5	2.0	-----	4.1	-----	-----
Bloomers:														
Income unknown	10	-----	-----	-----	60.0	10.0	-----	-----	10.0	20.0	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	115	5.2	14.8	0.9	43.5	22.6	-----	-----	13.9	7.0	-----	1.7	-----	-----
$3,000 and over	23	-----	8.7	-----	56.5	30.4	-----	-----	21.7	4.3	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	148	4.0	12.8	.7	46.6	23.0	-----	-----	14.9	7.4	-----	1.3	-----	-----
Drawers and step-ins:														
Income unknown	12	33.3	8.3	-----	41.7	-----	-----	-----	8.3	-----	-----	-----	8.3	-----
Under $3,000	111	31.5	16.2	-----	35.1	5.4	-----	1.8	6.3	1.8	-----	5.4	.9	-----
$3,000 and over	22	36.4	27.3	-----	13.6	4.5	-----	4.5	4.5	4.5	-----	9.1	-----	-----
All incomes	145	32.4	17.2	-----	32.4	4.8	-----	2.1	6.2	2.1	-----	5.5	1.4	-----
Undershirts and vests:														
Income unknown	12	33.3	-----	-----	50.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	16.7	-----	-----
Under $3,000	112	9.8	25.0	-----	47.3	12.5	-----	.9	6.2	.9	-----	5.4	.9	-----
$3,000 and over	24	20.8	29.2	-----	37.5	8.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	8.3	-----	-----
All incomes	148	13.5	23.6	-----	45.9	10.8	-----	.7	4.7	.7	-----	6.8	.7	-----
Knit union suits:														
Income unknown	11	72.7	9.1	-----	18.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	97	48.4	25.8	-----	2.1	5.1	2.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	15.5	1.0	-----
$3,000 and over	20	15.0	65.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5.0	-----	15.0	-----	-----
All incomes	128	45.3	30.5	-----	3.1	3.9	1.6	-----	-----	.8	-----	14.1	.8	-----
Nightgowns:														
Income unknown	13	15.4	38.5	-----	46.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	116	2.6	65.5	-----	25.0	.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5.2	.9	-----
$3,000 and over	25	-----	48.0	-----	48.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.0	-----	-----
All incomes	154	3.2	60.4	-----	30.5	.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.5	.6	-----
Pajamas:														
Income unknown	10	50.0	40.0	-----	10.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	100	55.0	30.0	-----	7.0	-----	-----	6.0	3.0	-----	-----	1.0	-----	-----
$3,000 and over	19	68.4	10.5	-----	15.8	5.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	129	56.6	27.9	-----	8.5	.8	-----	4.6	2.3	-----	-----	.8	-----	-----
Kimonos and negligees:														
Income unknown	12	-----	50.0	-----	50.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	109	-----	56.0	2.7	36.7	-----	.9	-----	3.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and over	23	-----	56.5	-----	39.1	-----	-----	-----	4.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	144	-----	55.6	2.1	38.2	-----	.7	-----	3.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

[1] A few persons reporting changes in the use of more than one textile fiber account for the discrepancies between the total of the percentages and 100.

TABLE 9.—*Comparison of textile fibers used in different garments during year ended in the spring of 1927 and during the corresponding period five years previous, by 158 self-supporting single women 18 years of age and over, classified according to income*[1]—Continued

Garment and income groups	Persons reporting	Proportion of women reporting—						Proportion of women not wearing specified garments 5 years previous but in 1927 wearing them made of—				Proportion of women not wearing specified garments in 1927, but 5 years previous wearing them made of—		
		Never worn	No change in textile fibers	More cotton in 1927 than five years previous	Less cotton and more—									
					Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Rayon	Wool	Cotton	Silk	Wool
Bath robes:	*No.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Income unknown	12	-----	83.3	-----	8.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	8.3	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	107	1.9	80.4	1.9	3.7	-----	7.5	2.8	-----	-----	-----	2.8	-----	-----
$3,000 and over	22	9.1	86.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.5	-----	-----
All incomes	141	2.8	81.6	1.4	3.5	-----	5.7	2.1	-----	-----	.7	2.8	-----	-----
Stockings:														
Income unknown	12	-----	33.3	8.3	50.0	8.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Under $3,000	116	-----	47.4	.9	51.7	-----	.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
$3,000 and over	25	-----	68.0	-----	32.0	4.0	4.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All incomes	153	-----	49.7	1.3	48.4	1.3	1.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

[1] A few persons reporting changes in the use of more than one textile fiber account for the discrepancies between the total of the percentages and 100.

If the replies of those married women and single women supported by the family income who reported an unknown income are disregarded, a correlation is found between the size of income and the percentage of each of these two groups of women reporting the use of "more silk or rayon." With a few exceptions, the percentages increase from the group with an income of under $3,000 through the group with an income of $10,000 and over. In the case of some garments, however (Tables 7 and 8), the percentages fall slightly in the $10,000-and-over group.

A comparison of the replies of self-supporting single women given in Table 9 in the two groups, under $3,000 and $3,000 and over, reflects the influence of income on changes from cotton to silk or rayon. For such garments as house dresses, summer dresses, and winter dresses a higher proportion of the women in the $3,000-and-over income group than of those in the under-$3,000 group changed from cotton to silk or rayon. For other garments, such as drawers, step-ins, undershirts and vests, and stockings, the reverse is true.

A comparison between the garments worn by married women and by single women supported by their families on the same income levels shows that, except for a few garments, the single women in each income group reported a higher percentage of change from cotton to silk or rayon than did the married women. The self-supporting single women showed a correspondingly greater change to silk and rayon for many garments than did the married women. Probably the greater social demands on the younger unmarried women and the larger proportion of income spent by the self-supporting women on clothing brought about more marked shifts in textile fibers by these two groups than by the married women.

A comparison of the replies from single women supported by their families in the family-income groups, under $3,000, and $3,000 and under $5,000, with those from self-supporting single women earning an income of under $3,000 and $3,000 and over, shows that a higher percentage of the single women supported by their families than of the self-supporting single women reported the use of "more silk and rayon" for most of the garments. This is significant, especially since the amount of money available for clothing was probably considerably higher for the self-supporting women than for the single women supported by their families. The family income covers expenditures for other members of the family, whereas in this study a comparable income earned by the self-supporting single women was reported as covering the expenditures of only one person. Of course the higher percentage of single women supported by their families reporting a change in textile fibers may possibly be accounted for by the fact that a larger proportion of self-supporting single women had made such a change prior to the five-year period studied.

REASONS GIVEN BY WOMEN IN DIFFERENT RESIDENCE GROUPS FOR WEARING SILK GARMENTS

The women who are wearing more silk in 1927 than five years previous were asked to give their reasons for choosing silk instead of cotton for the various garments. The reasons given by 663 married women, 435 single women 18 years of age and over supported by their families, and 181 self-supporting single women 18 years of age and over, combining all residence groups, are given in Tables 10, 11, and 12. These tables analyze the replies of fewer women than were included in Tables 2, 3, and 4, because, of course, only the women who had replaced cotton by silk for the various garments listed reasons for making the change.

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TABLE 10.—*Reasons given by 663 married women for wearing silk during the year ended in the spring of 1927 in place of cotton worn during the corresponding period five years previous*

Reasons for wearing silk	Proportion of total number of reasons given by women for wearing silk in place of cotton for—					
	Summer dresses (1,025 replies from 505 women)	Winter dresses (661 replies from 370 women)	Underwear (610 replies from 321 women)	Nightgowns and pajamas (190 replies from 102 women)	Kimonos and negligees (236 replies from 132 women)	Stockings (888 replies from 520 women)
	Per cent	*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Laundering:						
More satisfactory	8.0	3.5	6.8	8.9	3.4	3.2
Easier	10.1	2.3	17.2	16.3	6.7	4.8
Require less laundering	5.1	1.8	.7	.5	1.3	
Total	23.2	7.6	24.6	25.8	11.4	8.1
Easier to clean	.4	3.6			.4	
Easier to care for	2.4	4.1	1.0	1.6	.4	.1
Pressing:						
Easier to press	3.9	5.3	.8	.5	.4	.2
Requires less pressing	2.1	1.2	2.0	2.6	1.7	
Total	6.0	6.5	2.8	3.2	2.1	.2
Garments easier to make	1.1	1.7	.2	.5	1.7	
More stylish	1.1	1.8	1.6	.5	1.7	4.2
More appropriate	2.4	4.2	1.3	1.0	.4	1.0
More attractive or more beautiful	25.2	23.0	12.1	15.8	30.5	36.4
Less bulky	3.4	4.7	14.3	4.7	8.5	1.9
Garments fit better						1.6
Comfort:						
More comfortable	2.2	4.4	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.5
More comfortable than wool because of warmer houses and buildings		3.9				
Suitable weight	1.0	2.6	.7	1.0	1.3	.2
Total	3.2	10.9	5.4	5.3	5.5	4.8
Preference for feel of silk	3.3	4.5	14.1	14.7	8.0	10.4
Warmth:						
Warmer		3.8	.7		.4	.2
Provides satisfactory warmth		.3	.3		.4	
Total		4.1	1.0		.8	.2
Cooler	9.2	2.4	4.7	8.4	3.4	5.7
More suitable for climate	.7	1.4	.2			.1
Preferred for traveling	.9	.4	1.1	4.7	5.9	.2
Length of wear:						
Longer	5.6	5.6	6.9	3.7	6.4	9.7
Satisfactory	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.1
Total	6.7	6.8	8.4	5.3	7.6	10.8
Cost:						
Looks more costly	1.9	2.1	.3	2.1	.4	2.0
Cheaper	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.0	2.1	1.6
Prices satisfactory	1.0	1.7	1.1	1.0	2.5	1.7
Gifts	.1	.3	1.0	2.6	.4	.1
Total	4.8	6.0	4.3	6.8	5.5	5.4
Stores have larger assortment	5.7	5.7	2.5	1.6	5.1	7.9
More extensively advertised	.2	.3			.8	.9
Recommendation of others	.1	.1	.5			

TABLE 11.—*Reasons given by 435 single women 18 years of age and over supported by the family income for wearing silk during the year ended in the spring of 1927 in place of cotton worn during the corresponding period five years previous*

Reasons for wearing silk	Proportion of total number of reasons given by daughters for wearing silk in place of cotton for—					
	Summer dresses (870 replies from 380 women)	Winter dresses (661 replies from 311 women)	Underwear (696 replies from 311 women)	Nightgowns and pajamas (262 replies from 135 women)	Kimonos and negligees (288 replies from 164 women)	Stockings (718 replies from 365 women)
	Per cent	*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Laundering:						
More satisfactory	6.4	2.9	8.6	8.0	2.7	4.7
Easier	7.6	2.9	16.0	14.9	3.1	5.7
Requires less laundering	1.7	1.2	----	----	.7	----
Total	15.7	7.0	24.7	22.9	6.6	10.4
Easier to clean	.3	2.4	----	----	.7	----
Easier to care for	1.8	2.7	.3	.4	.7	.1
Pressing:						
Easier to press	4.9	6.0	1.6	.8	1.4	----
Requires less pressing	2.1	1.2	2.2	.8	.7	----
Total	7.0	7.3	3.7	1.5	2.1	----
Garments easier to make	.7	.3	.7	.8	.3	----
More stylish	1.5	1.7	1.1	1.5	1.4	3.3
More appropriate	2.8	3.6	.9	1.1	1.0	1.7
More attractive or more beautiful	30.7	26.9	13.8	19.8	39.2	38.4
Less bulky	4.5	6.3	14.5	5.3	10.4	1.4
Garments fit better	----	----	----	----	----	1.8
Comfort:						
More comfortable	1.1	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.1	2.1
More comfortable than wool because of warmer houses and buildings	----	1.5	----	----	----	----
Suitable weight	1.1	1.2	.7	----	----	----
Total	2.3	5.7	3.7	3.4	2.1	2.1
Preference for feel of silk	4.8	5.9	14.2	20.2	8.0	10.7
Warmth:						
Warmer	.2	3.2	.3	----	----	.1
Provides satisfactory warmth	----	----	----	----	.3	----
Total	.2	3.2	.3	----	.3	.1
Cooler	9.4	2.4	5.3	8.0	3.5	3.5
More suitable for climate	.2	1.1	----	----	----	.1
Preferred for traveling	.2	.3	1.6	1.5	2.8	.1
Length of wear:						
Longer	6.1	7.3	7.3	6.1	5.9	8.9
Satisfactory	1.1	1.8	1.4	.4	1.4	1.7
Total	7.2	9.1	8.8	6.5	7.3	10.6
Cost:						
Looks more costly	2.1	2.4	.9	2.3	3.1	3.1
Cheaper	1.5	2.3	1.6	----	3.8	2.5
Prices satisfactory	1.3	2.0	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.8
Gifts	----	----	.6	.4	.3	----
Total	4.8	6.7	4.4	4.6	9.0	7.4
Stores have larger assortment	5.2	7.0	1.7	1.5	3.8	7.1
More extensively advertised	.2	.3	----	----	.7	.8
Recommendation of others	.2	.1	.1	.8	----	.1

TABLE 12.—*Reasons given by 181 self-supporting single women 18 years of age and over for wearing silk during the year ended in the spring of 1927 in place of cotton worn during the corresponding period five years previous*

Reasons for wearing silk	Proportion of total number of reasons given by women for wearing silk in place of cotton for—					
	Summer dresses (399 replies from 160 women)	Winter dresses (243 replies from 119 women)	Underwear (323 replies from 143 women)	Night gowns and pajamas (161 replies from 72 women)	Kimonos and negligees (153 replies from 88 women)	Stockings (244 replies from 126 women)
	Per cent	*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Laundering:						
More satisfactory	9.7	2.9	10.5	6.8	5.2	4.1
Easier	11.8	1.2	20.1	19.3	4.6	6.2
Requires less laundering	2.5	.8	.3	----	1.3	----
Total	24.1	4.9	31.0	26.1	11.1	10.2
Easier to clean	1.0	8.2	----	----	1.3	----
Easier to care for	5.0	4.1	.6	.6	1.3	.4
Pressing:						
Easier to press	6.5	7.4	1.2	.6	1.3	----
Requires less pressing	2.3	2.1	.6	----	1.3	----
Total	8.8	9.5	1.9	.6	2.6	----
Garments easier to make	.7	.8	.3	----	----	----
More stylish	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.9	.6	6.6
More appropriate	3.0	7.0	.9	----	----	.4
More attractive or more beautiful	20.8	18.9	8.7	13.0	39.9	41.8
Less bulky	4.5	3.7	16.4	8.1	13.1	1.6
Garments fit better	----	----	----	----	----	.8
Comfort:						
More comfortable	.2	3.7	2.8	3.1	.6	1.2
More comfortable than wool because of warmer houses and buildings	----	6.2	----	----	----	----
Suitable weight	1.2	1.6	.9	----	1.3	----
Total	1.5	11.5	3.7	3.1	2.0	1.2
Preference for feel of silk	3.8	8.6	13.0	16.1	6.5	12.3
Warmth:						
Warmer	----	2.5	1.2	----	----	.4
Provides satisfactory warmth	----	.4	.3	----	----	----
Total	----	2.9	1.5	----	----	.4
Cooler	7.3	3.7	1.2	6.8	2.6	2.9
More suitable for climate	.2	1.6	.3	----	.6	.4
Preferred for traveling	2.5	.8	2.5	6.8	9.1	----
Length of wear:						
Longer	4.8	3.7	7.7	6.2	4.6	6.6
Satisfactory	.2	.4	.3	1.9	----	1.2
Total	5.0	4.1	8.0	8.1	4.6	7.8
Cost:						
Looks more costly	1.0	.8	.6	1.2	2.0	1.6
Cheaper	1.2	1.2	2.5	2.5	.6	1.2
Prices satisfactory	2.0	.8	1.9	1.2	----	1.6
Gifts	----	----	.9	1.2	----	.4
Total	4.3	2.9	5.9	6.2	2.6	4.9
Stores have larger assortment	5.8	3.7	2.2	1.9	2.0	7.0
More extensively advertised	----	.4	----	----	----	.8
Recommendation of others	.2	.8	----	.6	----	.4

The reasons given by the women for changing from cotton to silk, as shown in Tables 10, 11, and 12, are necessarily a grouping of the replies entered on the schedules. Reasons given by only a few women have been brought together under some general head. Under the term "easier" under laundering, for example, are classified such reasons as the following: Silk launders more quickly than cotton, silk can be laundered by the wearer, silk can be laundered more easily at home than cotton, silk can be laundered more easily when traveling than cotton, no starching or boiling is required with silk, and silk is laundered more cheaply than cotton. The following replies have been grouped under the heading "Less bulky": Silk gives slender appearance, silk clings to figure, silk gives softer or more graceful lines, silk preferable under silk dresses. Under the heading "Preferred for traveling" have been grouped the following: Silk garments require less space in packing, silk garments are easier to pack, and silk garments keep in better condition during traveling. Under the reason "More appropriate" are classified such answers as: Silk is more serviceable, silk is more useful, silk is more suitable for occupation, and silk is more practical. And under the heading "Preference for feel of silk" are included the following: Silk is more enjoyable, silk is less irritating, silk feels more luxurious, silk is smoother or softer. The other reasons for changing from cotton to silk garments given in the tables are self-explanatory.

It was evident from some of the reasons assigned for wearing silk in winter dresses that a change from wool was confused in some cases with a change from cotton. Inasmuch as wool was the material generally worn in winter, such mistakes are not surprising. The reasons for choosing silk for winter dresses, therefore, include the following: Silk is lighter in weight, is preferred because of warmer houses, and is easier to clean.

An analysis of the reasons given in Tables 10, 11, and 12 for wearing silk garments in 1927 in place of cotton garments worn five years previous shows some interesting differences. Each group of women, however, gives "more attractive" as the most important reason for changing from cotton to silk for winter dresses, kimonos and negligees, and stockings.

Because silk summer dresses also are more attractive and can be laundered more satisfactorily, more easily, and need it less often, they are preferred to cotton summer dresses by these women. These same features of laundering coupled in some cases with "more attractive," "less bulky," and the preference for the feeling of silk, stand out among the reasons given for wearing silk underwear and night garments.

The reasons presented in Tables 10,11, and 12 for wearing silk garments were studied for each residence group and for all communities combined and for the different income groups under five general headings: Care, style, comfort, cost, and miscellaneous. Laundering, cleaning, care, and pressing are brought together under the heading "Care"; more stylish, more appropriate, more attractive, and less bulky under the heading "Style"; more comfortable, preference for feel of silk, warmth, cooler, and more suitable for climate under the heading "Comfort"; length of wear and cost under the heading "Cost"; and easier to make, fit better, preferred for traveling, stores have larger assortment, advertising, and recommendation of others

under "Miscellaneous." There seemed to be no significant relationships, however, between size of residence communities or size of income and the reasons given by the women for changing from cotton to silk for these garments.

REASONS GIVEN BY MEN FOR WEARING SILK SOCKS

As stated on page 2, 57 per cent of the 675 men replying to the questionnaire reported wearing more silk and rayon socks in 1927 than five years previous. Four hundred and fifty-four men gave reasons for making this change. Of the total number of reasons given (695), 38.7 per cent fall under the general heading style, 23 per cent under comfort, 20 per cent under cost, 11.2 per cent under miscellaneous, and 7.2 per cent under care.

PART II. CHANGING USES OF TEXTILE FIBERS IN HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES

Six hundred and forty-six home makers, representing all sections of the United States, replied regarding textile fibers in their household articles. The women were asked to enter on the questionnaire the number of household articles, such as bedspreads and window curtains made of cotton, linen, silk, rayon, or wool, which they had used during the year ended in the spring of 1927, and to compare this with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous.

Two hundred and twenty-nine of the 646 home makers lived on farms, 115 in communities of under 5,000 in population, 105 in towns of 5,000 and under 25,000, 59 in cities of 25,000 and under 100,000, and 138 in cities of 100,000 and over. Of those living in towns and cities of 5,000 and over, 150 women reported a family income of under $3,000, 119 an income of $3,000 and under $5,000, 81 an income of $5,000 and over, and 67 women reported the family income to be unknown to them. The reports from women living on farms have been excluded in the analysis of the household articles by income groups, since the money income of farm families is not comparable to the money income of city families. In general, the families with the higher incomes lived in the larger residence communities.

The average number of household articles of specified textile fibers used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 by the families reporting for each article and a comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous are given in Table 13 for all residence groups combined and in Tables 14 to 18 for each of the residence groups. Tables 19 to 22 present the same information, classified according to income groups.

The proportion of families reporting the use of specified textile fibers in an article is based upon the number of families reporting the use of the particular article. Since some families used certain articles made of two or more fibers, the total number reporting for the various textile fibers under each household article is, of course, larger than the number of families reporting the use of the article. The sum of the percentage of families reporting the use of specified textile fibers totals, therefore, more than 100.

The average number of articles per family refers only to the average number for the families who reported having one or more kinds of that particular article. For example, of the 646 families supplying the data included in Table 13, 632 used during the year bedspreads made of one or more kinds of textile fibers. On the average, the 632 families were using 4.9 bedspreads each, of which 4.4 were of cotton, 0.1 of linen, 0.3 of rayon, and a still smaller number of silk and wool.

COMPARISON OF TEXTILE FIBERS IN HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES AND OF NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES, USED BY ALL THE FAMILIES DURING THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

The relative popularity of certain textile fibers in the various household articles is shown by the replies of the 646 families analyzed in Table 13. Judging by the average number of each article of specified textile fiber used per family reporting, linen was more popular than cotton for doilie sets, luncheon cloths, tablecloths, and table napkins. For face towels cotton and linen were almost equally popular. The larger proportion of blankets were wool, and in rugs the percentages of wool or worsted and cotton were not far apart. For all the other household articles listed a larger proportion were reported as made of cotton than of other fibers.

The proportion of the 646 families using a greater number of a given article made of a certain textile fiber during the past year than five years previous is indicated in Table 13 by the difference between the percentage of families reporting "more used in 1927 than five years previous" and "less used in 1927 than five years previous." Over 10 per cent of the families reporting were using in 1927 more of the following articles than they were five years previous: Cotton bedspreads, cotton and wool blankets, cotton covers of comforters with cotton, wool, and down fillings, cotton mattress covers and pads, cotton pillow shams, cotton pillowcases, cotton quilts, cotton sheets, cotton and linen doilies, cotton hot-dish pads, cotton and linen luncheon cloths, cotton and linen table napkins, cotton and linen dish towels and face towels, cotton Turkish towels, cotton wash cloths, cotton awnings for porches and windows, cotton bureau scarfs, cotton and linen card-table covers, cotton couch covers, cotton dress covers, cotton and wool or worsted rugs, cotton and silk sofa-pillow covers, and cotton and rayon window curtains.

INFLUENCE OF SIZE OF RESIDENCE COMMUNITY ON NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES USED BY FAMILIES AND THEIR CHOICE OF TEXTILE FIBERS

A comparison between the average number of articles of different textile fibers reported per family in each of the five residence groups as given in Tables 14 to 18 shows that families living in towns and cities of 5,000 and over in population use a somewhat greater number of certain household articles than do those living on farms or in communities of under 5,000. Moreover, in the case of some of these articles the textile fiber chosen also varies according to size of residence community. For those articles that show a change in use of textile fibers, in general wool, linen, silk, or rayon are more used and cotton less used as size of residence community increases. For example, the average number of wool blankets increases and of cotton blankets decreases in general with the increase in size of residence group. There is a conspicuously larger proportion of linen luncheon cloths, tablecloths, table napkins, and dish towels in comparison with cotton in the larger residence groups.

In the comparison of the number of household articles used in 1927 and five years previous, size of residence community seems to have no influence, but if the percentages of families reporting "less in 1927 than five years previous" are subtracted from those reporting "more in 1927 than five years previous" a net increase is shown throughout all the residence groups for most of the articles. On the basis of textile fibers, cotton stands out in the percentage of families reporting that they used the same or a greater number of the various articles in 1927 than five years earlier. Noteworthy exceptions to this are the reported increases in one or more residence groups in number of wool blankets as compared with cotton blankets, of cotton-filled comforters with wool covers as compared with cotton covers, of wool or worsted rugs as compared with cotton rugs, of linen as compared with cotton doilie sets, luncheon cloths, tablecloths, table napkins, dish towels, and face towels, of rayon bedspreads as compared with cotton bedspreads, of silk sofa-pillow covers as compared with cotton covers, and of silk or rayon window curtains as compared with cotton curtains.

INFLUENCE OF SIZE OF INCOME ON NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES USED BY FAMILIES AND ON THEIR CHOICE OF TEXTILE FIBERS

A comparison between the average number of the various household articles made of the different textile fibers used per family in the three income groups, under $3,000, $3,000 and under $5,000, and $5,000 and over, as given in Tables 20 to 22, shows that as the income increases the families increase their supply of most of the articles included in this study. The choice of textile fibers for the different articles also varies with size of income. In the case of doilie sets, luncheon cloths, tablecloths, table napkins, dish towels, and face towels, where there is a choice between cotton and linen, the general trend is toward an increase in the average number of the linen articles reported per family with increase in size of income.

In a comparison between the number of household articles used in 1927 and five years previous size of income seems to have some effect on textile fibers. If the percentage of families reporting "less in 1927 than five years previous" is subtracted from that reporting "more in 1927 than five years previous" the net percentage of families reporting an increase is secured. In an analysis of this increase and of the percentage of families reporting "same" cotton stands out in all income groups as used as much as or more than the other textile fibers for most of the articles. Noteworthy exceptions occur, however, in the case of doilie sets, luncheon cloths, table napkins, and dish towels. For these articles linen increased more than cotton in the two highest income groups, whereas in the lowest income group cotton increased as much as or more than linen. Furthermore, in the case of pillow shams, quilts, and window curtains the majority of families in the income groups of $5,000 and over increased their use of silk more than that of cotton, while those in the lower income groups shows a greater increase in their use of cotton than of silk. No relationship seems to exist between size of income and increase in the use of rayon articles.

TABLE 13.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 646 families representing all sections of the United States*

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
		Per cent			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Bedding:							
Bed spreads	632			547			
Cotton	603	95.4	4.41		22.1	9.1	64.7
Linen	46	7.3	.13		1.6	.7	4.8
Silk	36	5.7	.09		2.2	.9	2.7
Rayon	109	17.2	.30		11.9	2.0	3.8
Wool	2	0.3	.003				
Blankets	628			545			
Cotton	435	69.3	3.17		17.6	6.2	44.6
Wool	533	84.9	5.21		28.4	4.8	49.7
Comforters with cotton filling	554			478			
Covers—							
Cotton	499	90.1	5.42		20.3	9.4	57.5
Silk	46	8.3	.15		1.7	1.0	4.8
Rayon	21	3.8	.14		.8	.2	2.1
Wool	213	38.4	1.09		9.6	1.7	22.4
Comforters with wool filling	245			193			
Covers—							
Cotton	184	75.1	3.03		22.3	5.2	48.2
Silk	33	13.5	.23		5.2		8.3
Rayon	12	4.9	.09		1.6	.5	2.6
Wool	59	24.1	.55		6.2	2.1	13.5
Comforters with down filling	11			11			
Covers—							
Cotton	7	63.6	1.45		36.4		27.3
Silk	3	27.3	.36			9.1	18.2
Rayon							
Wool	1	9.1	.18				9.1
Mattress covers	237			204			
Cotton	237	100.0	3.22		18.1	4.4	77.5
Mattress pads	390			325			
Cotton	390	100.0	3.38		18.5	4.6	76.9
Pillow shams	155			127			
Cotton	133	85.8	2.71		18.1	4.7	63.0
Linen	24	15.5	.45		2.4	3.1	11.0
Silk	2	1.3	.02		.8	.8	.8
Rayon	14	9.0	.25		6.3	1.6	2.4
Pillowcases	614			513			
Cotton	601	97.9	17.21		28.5	8.6	61.0
Linen	133	21.7	1.16		4.5	1.8	15.0
Quilts	483			430			
Cotton	450	93.2	4.66		21.6	9.3	62.8
Silk	43	8.9	.14		2.6	1.7	5.1
Rayon	7	1.4	.02		.9	.2	.2
Wool	71	14.7	.45		2.3	2.1	10.2
Sheets	638			548			
Cotton	625	98.0	13.68		28.3	9.5	60.8
Linen	64	10.0	.68		2.6	1.1	6.0
Table linen:							
Doilie sets	417			353			
Cotton	198	47.5	1.48		16.1	4.0	24.1
Linen	316	75.8	2.74		21.8	5.9	50.4
Hot-dish pads	355			298			
Cotton and asbestos	355	100.0	5.27		25.5	6.4	68.1
Luncheon cloths	493			415			
Cotton	310	62.9	1.93		24.6	3.4	32.3
Linen	357	72.4	2.50		24.6	5.5	40.7
Silence cloths	466			400			
Cotton and asbestos	466	100.0	1.38		8.0	4.8	87.3

TABLE 13.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 646 families representing all sections of the United States*—Continued

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
Table linen—Continued.		*Per cent*			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Tablecloths	627			559			
Cotton	432	68.9	2.61		14.7	7.5	44.2
Linen	551	87.9	3.58		18.1	10.4	55.5
Table napkins	590			521			
Cotton	323	54.7	8.62		13.4	2.3	38.4
Linen	510	86.4	22.12		19.0	5.0	60.3
Towels and wash cloths:							
Dish towels	598			482			
Cotton	502	83.9	13.64		17.8	4.8	60.2
Linen	253	42.3	4.68		13.5	1.9	29.5
Face towels	610			498			
Cotton	458	75.1	10.45		18.3	7.2	50.8
Linen	429	70.3	9.88		21.7	6.4	39.2
Turkish towels	612			483			
Cotton	612	100.0	13.82		31.7	6.4	61.9
Wash cloths	550			432			
Cotton	550	100.0	11.66		22.5	6.7	70.8
Miscellaneous:							
Awnings for porches	67			59			
Cotton	67	100.0	2.41		40.7	8.5	50.8
Awnings for windows	52			44			
Cotton	52	100.0	5.97		45.4	13.6	40.9
Bureau scarfs	572			463			
Cotton	499	87.2	5.41		22.2	5.6	60.7
Linen	127	22.2	1.37		6.0	1.3	13.8
Silk	25	4.4	.17		1.3	.4	1.7
Rayon	14	2.4	.07		1.7	.2	.4
Card-table covers	235			197			
Cotton	178	75.7	2.15		31.0	6.6	39.1
Linen	118	50.2	1.28		19.3	4.6	24.4
Silk	11	4.7	.09		2.0	.5	1.5
Rayon	4	1.7	.02		1.0	.5	.5
Couch covers	312			251			
Cotton	235	75.3	1.17		16.7	3.2	55.4
Linen	4	1.3	.01		.4		
Silk	14	4.5	.06		1.2	.4	3.2
Rayon	5	1.6	.02		.8	.4	1.2
Wool	88	28.2	.37		6.0	4.0	20.7
Dress covers	235			193			
Cotton	211	89.8	3.65		17.6	3.6	69.4
Linen	40	17.0	.88		4.1	.5	10.9
Rayon	1	.4	.004				
Wool	1	.4	.01				.5
Rugs	564			475			
Cotton	397	70.4	3.63		20.8	8.0	41.5
Silk	35	6.2	.19		2.9	.6	3.2
Wool or worsted	418	74.1	4.78		22.5	8.2	42.7
Flax	46	8.2	.16		.8	.6	6.5
Paper	19	3.4	.06		1.5	.4	1.7
Sofa-pillow covers	526			436			
Cotton	425	80.8	3.87		22.0	6.4	50.5
Linen	137	26.0	.69		7.1	2.3	16.1
Silk	250	47.5	1.39		21.3	5.7	20.0
Rayon	59	11.2	.23		6.9	1.6	2.8
Wool	5	1.0	.01				.2
Window curtains	633			585			
Cotton	611	96.5	21.78		22.4	11.5	58.8
Linen	4	.6	.06		.3		
Silk	153	24.2	2.33		9.7	3.6	9.2
Rayon	170	26.9	1.85		13.5	2.9	7.9
Wool	14	2.2	.16		1.0	.9	.9

TABLE 14.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 229 farm families*

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927 and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
		Per cent			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Bedding:							
Bedspreads	225			188			
Cotton	222	98.7	4.18		22.9	5.3	69.7
Linen	14	6.2	.08		2.1	.5	4.8
Silk	8	3.6	.05		1.1		2.1
Rayon	24	10.7	.18		8.0	1.6	1.6
Blankets	224			188			
Cotton	187	83.5	3.86		25.5	8.0	51.1
Wool	164	73.2	3.38		27.1	3.7	39.9
Comforters with cotton filling	210			172			
Covers—							
Cotton	197	93.8	7.34		33.7	10.5	50.6
Silk	15	7.1	.12		1.7	.6	3.5
Rayon	6	2.9	.20		.6		1.2
Wool	80	38.1	1.09		10.5	1.2	22.1
Comforters with wool filling	82			64			
Covers—							
Cotton	66	80.5	3.91		32.8	3.1	43.8
Silk	5	6.1	.06		3.1		4.7
Rayon	2	2.4	.05				1.6
Wool	29	35.4	.90		7.8	3.1	18.8
Comforters with down filling	2			2			
Covers—							
Cotton	1	50.0	1.50				50.0
Silk							
Rayon							
Wool	1	50.0	1.50				50.0
Mattress covers	76			62			
Cotton	76	100.0	3.12		19.4	4.8	75.8
Mattress pads	124			106			
Cotton	124	100.0	3.18		24.5	4.7	70.7
Pillow shams	54			42			
Cotton	46	85.2	6.33		21.4	7.1	59.5
Linen	8	14.8	.44		2.4	4.8	11.9
Silk						2.4	
Rayon	1	1.9	.06		2.4	2.4	
Pillowcases	215			175			
Cotton	214	99.5	16.67		35.4	9.1	56.0
Linen	39	18.1	.70		5.7	1.7	10.3
Quilts	191			169			
Cotton	180	94.2	5.29		29.6	6.5	59.8
Silk	13	6.8	.09		1.8		4.7
Rayon	3	1.6	.02		1.2		.6
Wool	22	11.5	.44		2.4	.6	7.1
Sheets	227			186			
Cotton	223	98.2	12.04		30.1	9.7	59.1
Linen	20	8.8	.62		2.7	1.1	5.9
Table linen:							
Doilie sets	109			90			
Cotton	65	59.6	1.81		22.2	2.2	34.4
Linen	69	63.3	2.31		23.3	2.2	38.9
Hot-dish pads	112			86			
Cotton and asbestos	112	100.0	4.75		31.4	8.1	60.5
Luncheon cloths	144			118			
Cotton	112	77.8	2.14		36.4	2.5	40.7
Linen	75	52.1	1.28		16.1	2.5	30.5
Silence cloths	154			130			
Cotton and asbestos	154	100.0	1.24		10.8	2.3	86.9
Tablecloths	225			199			
Cotton	197	87.6	3.36		17.1	9.5	58.8
Linen	183	81.3	2.79		17.6	4.0	52.8

TABLE 14.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 229 farm families*—Continued

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
Table linen—Continued.		*Per cent*			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Table napkins	201			175			
Cotton	112	55.7	7.80		11.4	2.3	42.9
Linen	153	76.1	14.10		14.9	2.3	58.3
Towels and wash cloths:							
Dish towels	210			163			
Cotton	196	93.3	16.16		24.5	3.1	66.3
Linen	46	21.9	1.98		10.4	.6	13.5
Face towels	210			161			
Cotton	168	80.0	10.19		20.5	5.0	52.8
Linen	122	58.1	6.65		21.7	3.7	24.2
Turkish towels	211			158			
Cotton	211	100.0	10.82		37.3	5.1	57.6
Wash cloths	177			134			
Cotton	177	100.0	10.79		25.4	8.2	66.4
Miscellaneous:							
Awnings for porches	6			5			
Cotton	6	100.0	3.67		20.0		80.0
Awnings for windows	7			5			
Cotton	7	100.0	9.33		20.0	40.0	40.0
Bureau scarfs	209			166			
Cotton	193	92.3	5.66		28.9	5.4	61.4
Linen	29	13.9	.90		3.6	.6	6.7
Silk	5	2.4	.13				.6
Rayon	1	.5	.02				1.2
Card-table covers	33			29			
Cotton	24	72.7	1.09		24.1	3.4	48.3
Linen	16	48.5	.87		6.9	3.4	31.0
Silk	1	3.0	.03				3.4
Rayon	2	6.1	.06		3.4		3.4
Couch covers	106			85			
Cotton	79	74.5	1.14		11.8	1.2	60.0
Linen	2	1.9	.02				
Silk	2	1.9	.02			1.2	2.4
Rayon	2	1.9	.02		1.2		1.2
Wool	31	29.2	.35		5.9		24.7
Dress covers	57			42			
Cotton	52	91.2	2.94		23.8	2.4	66.7
Linen	13	22.8	.74		9.5	2.4	4.8
Rayon							
Wool							
Rugs	189			153			
Cotton	119	63.0	3.47		20.9	5.2	35.9
Silk	10	5.3	.19		3.9	.7	2.0
Wool or worsted	141	74.6	4.14		25.5	5.2	41.8
Flax	8	4.2	.07		.7		3.9
Paper	9	4.8	.08		2.0	1.3	3.3
Sofa-pillow covers	183			147			
Cotton	165	90.2	4.27		25.2	6.8	58.5
Linen	46	25.1	.65		6.8	2.7	12.9
Silk	52	28.4	.76		10.9	1.4	15.0
Rayon	13	7.1	.12		5.4		2.7
Wool	3	1.6	.02				
Window curtains	224			204			
Cotton	219	97.8	18.97		19.6	8.3	67.6
Linen							
Silk	26	11.6	.55		2.0	2.5	5.4
Rayon	57	25.4	1.27		14.2	2.5	7.4
Wool	1	.4	.02		.5		

TABLE 15.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 115 families living in towns of under 5,000*

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
		Per cent			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Bedding:							
Bed spreads	114			94			
Cotton	110	96.5	4.06		23.4	8.5	61.7
Linen	4	3.5	.05				1.1
Silk	5	4.4	.06		2.1		1.1
Rayon	21	18.4	.28		18.1		2.1
Wool							
Blankets	111			93			
Cotton	76	68.5	2.86		16.1	6.5	44.1
Wool	96	86.5	5.09		29.0	3.2	53.8
Comforters with cotton filling	95			76			
Covers—							
Cotton	86	90.5	5.21		13.2	7.9	60.5
Silk	7	7.4	.11		1.3	1.3	3.9
Rayon	3	3.2	.13		1.3		
Wool	39	41.1	1.01		15.8	1.3	18.4
Comforters with wool filling	41			31			
Covers—							
Cotton	31	75.6	3.17		16.1		58.1
Silk	3	7.3	.10				
Rayon	3	7.3	.11		3.2		3.2
Wool	10	24.4	.61		9.7	3.2	9.7
Comforters with down filling							
Covers—							
Cotton							
Silk							
Rayon							
Wool							
Mattress covers	39			33			
Cotton	39	100.0	3.00		18.2	6.1	75.8
Mattress pads	63			46			
Cotton	63	100.0	3.16		17.4	2.2	80.4
Pillow shams	26			18			
Cotton	21	80.8	3.63		11.1	5.6	61.1
Linen	3	11.5	.17			5.6	5.6
Silk							
Rayon	5	19.2	.35		22.2		
Pillowcases	110			84			
Cotton	108	98.2	16.22		29.8	10.7	57.1
Linen	17	15.5	.71		3.6		8.3
Quilts	90			79			
Cotton	86	95.6	4.78		20.3	15.2	59.5
Silk	7	7.7	.12		3.8	2.5	1.3
Rayon	2	2.2	.44		1.3	1.3	
Wool	18	20.0	.71		3.8		17.7
Sheets	113			94			
Cotton	111	98.2	13.60		27.7	12.8	58.5
Linen	8	7.1	.47		3.2	2.1	1.1
Table linen:							
Doilie sets	86			65			
Cotton	45	52.3	1.99		26.2	6.2	24.6
Linen	54	62.8	2.04		15.4	10.8	43.1
Hot-dish pads	62			49			
Cotton and asbestos	62	100.0	5.03		36.7	4.1	59.1
Luncheon cloths	88			67			
Cotton	58	65.9	2.16		23.9	4.5	29.9
Linen	64	72.7	2.68		29.9	7.5	37.3
Silence cloths	82			62			
Cotton and asbestos	82	100.0	1.45		8.1	1.6	90.3

TABLE 15.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 115 families living in towns of under 5,000*—Continued

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
		Per cent			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Table linen—Continued.							
Tablecloths	113			96			
Cotton	75	66.4	2.57		16.7	6.2	38.5
Linen	97	85.8	3.04		25.0	12.5	46.9
Table napkins	107			90			
Cotton	64	59.8	9.05		14.4	3.3	41.1
Linen	91	85.0	19.93		25.6	5.6	52.2
Towels and wash cloths:							
Dish towels	108			79			
Cotton	91	84.3	13.55		13.9	8.9	59.5
Linen	48	44.4	4.55		17.7	1.3	30.4
Face towels	104			81			
Cotton	78	75.0	8.93		13.6	12.3	59.3
Linen	76	73.1	8.83		25.9	8.6	38.3
Turkish towels	108			80			
Cotton	108	100.0	13.64		32.5	11.3	56.3
Wash cloths	100			73			
Cotton	100	100.0	10.19		21.9	6.8	71.2
Miscellaneous:							
Awnings for porches	8			5			
Cotton	8	100.0	1.75		60.0		40.0
Awnings for windows	8			6			
Cotton	8	100.0	4.88		33.3	16.7	50.0
Bureau scarfs	101			73			
Cotton	91	90.1	4.65		16.4	9.6	65.8
Linen	26	25.7	1.32		4.1	5.5	16.4
Silk	2	2.0	.10				1.4
Rayon	3	3.0	.05		2.7		
Card-table covers	44			32			
Cotton	33	75.0	2.40		34.4	9.4	34.4
Linen	21	47.7	1.12		25.0	3.1	18.8
Silk	2	4.5	.07		3.1		
Rayon	1	2.3	.07		3.1		
Couch covers	59			41			
Cotton	45	76.3	1.28		22.0	9.8	39.0
Linen							
Silk	2	3.4	.05		2.4		2.4
Rayon	2	3.4	.03		2.4		2.4
Wool	16	27.1	.41		7.3		24.4
Dress covers	32			23			
Cotton	31	96.2	3.27		26.1		73.9
Linen	6	18.8	.35		4.3		13.0
Rayon							
Wool							
Rugs	103			77			
Cotton	68	66.0	3.42		23.4	7.8	33.8
Silk	5	4.9	.12		1.3	1.3	1.3
Wool or worsted	78	75.7	4.31		22.1	11.7	46.8
Flax	11	10.7	.19		1.3	1.3	7.8
Paper	4	3.9	.12		2.6		1.3
Sofa-pillow covers	92			70			
Cotton	74	80.4	3.65		21.4	7.1	48.6
Linen	28	30.4	.85		10.0	2.9	17.1
Silk	44	47.8	1.52		28.6	4.3	14.3
Rayon	11	12.0	.18		8.6	2.9	
Wool	1	1.1	.01				
Window curtains	113			103			
Cotton	111	98.2	20.04		25.2	6.8	59.2
Linen	2	1.8	.19		1.0		
Silk	21	18.6	1.36		9.7	1.0	7.8
Rayon	32	28.3	2.08		15.5	1.9	4.9
Wool	5	4.4	.16		1.0	1.0	2.9

TABLE 16.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber, used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous as reported by 105 families living in cities of 5,000 and under 25,000*

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
Bedding:		*Per cent*			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Bedspreads	103			96			
Cotton	90	87.4	5.20		26.0	11.5	59.4
Linen	12	11.7	.23		2.1	1.0	7.3
Silk	7	6.8	.10		3.1		4.2
Rayon	24	23.3	.43		10.4	4.2	6.3
Wool	2	1.9	.02				
Blankets	102			95			
Cotton	63	61.8	3.07		15.8	4.2	37.9
Wool	99	97.1	6.57		32.6	5.3	53.7
Comforters with cotton filling	86			84			
Covers—							
Cotton	81	94.2	4.90		11.9	4.8	69.0
Silk	11	12.8	.28		3.6	1.2	6.0
Rayon	2	2.3	.03		1.2		1.2
Wool	33	38.4	1.13		4.8		28.6
Comforters with wool filling	39			32			
Covers—							
Cotton	32	82.1	2.54		28.1	6.3	50.0
Silk	6	15.4	.18		9.4		6.3
Rayon	4	10.3	.15		3.1	3.1	3.1
Wool	7	17.9	.33		6.3		9.4
Comforters with down filling	1			1			
Covers—							
Cotton	1	100.0	3.00		100.0		
Silk							
Rayon							
Wool							
Mattress covers	39			36			
Cotton	39	100.0	3.76		16.7	2.8	80.6
Mattress pads	73			64			
Cotton	73	100.0	3.97		18.8	4.7	76.6
Pillow shams	28			23			
Cotton	26	92.9	4.16		13.0		82.6
Linen	4	14.3	.22				13.0
Silk							
Rayon	2	7.1	.14		4.3		
Pillowcases	99			91			
Cotton	97	98.0	18.64		25.3	6.6	65.9
Linen	28	28.3	1.88		2.2	2.2	23.1
Quilts	83			75			
Cotton	78	94.0	4.50		16.0	9.3	68.0
Silk	6	7.2	.13		2.7		4.0
Rayon	1	1.2	.01		1.3		
Wool	8	9.6	.27			4.0	6.7
Sheets	103			96			
Cotton	102	99.0	16.08		31.3	9.4	58.3
Linen	13	12.6	.70		2.1		10.4
Table linen:							
Doilie sets	80			75			
Cotton	33	41.3	1.76		12.0	6.7	22.7
Linen	69	86.3	3.40		21.3	5.3	56.0
Hot-dish pads	68			59			
Cotton and asbestos	68	100.0	5.52		27.1	1.7	71.2
Luncheon cloths	92			84			
Cotton	56	60.9	1.66		22.6	6.0	27.4
Linen	73	79.3	2.68		27.4	2.4	4.67

TABLE 16.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber, used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous as reported by 105 families living in cities of 5,000 and under 25,000*—Continued

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
Table linen—Continued.		*Per cent*			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Silence cloths	79			70			
Cotton and asbestos	79	100.0	1.45		4.3	5.7	90.0
Tablecloths	102			93			
Cotton	67	65.7	2.42		12.9	8.6	39.8
Linen	93	91.2	3.64		15.1	10.8	62.4
Table napkins	98			91			
Cotton	61	62.2	11.00		16.5	4.4	40.7
Linen	88	89.8	26.90		19.8	4.7	58.2
Towels and wash cloths:							
Dish towels	98			83			
Cotton	82	83.7	12.42		20.5	3.6	56.6
Linen	54	55.1	5.87		16.9	4.8	36.1
Face towels	104			90			
Cotton	84	80.8	11.16		28.9	7.8	40.0
Linen	82	78.8	12.70		21.1	8.9	44.4
Turkish towels	102			83			
Cotton	102	100.0	16.59		36.1	3.6	60.2
Wash cloths	94			76			
Cotton	94	100.0	12.05		25.0	5.3	69.7
Miscellaneous:							
Awnings for porches	9			10			
Cotton	9	100.0	2.33		40.0	20.0	40.0
Awnings for windows	6			6			
Cotton	6	100.0	4.50		33.3	16.7	50.0
Bureau scarfs	91			80			
Cotton	79	86.8	6.42		26.3	3.4	56.3
Linen	21	23.1	1.35		10.0		11.3
Silk	3	3.3	.09				1.3
Rayon	2	2.2	.08		2.5		
Card-table covers	55			49			
Cotton	42	76.4	2.24		24.5	8.2	42.9
Linen	28	50.9	1.58		20.4	4.1	22.4
Silk	1	1.8	.02		2.0		
Rayon							
Couch covers	53			45			
Cotton	41	77.4	1.25		20.0	4.4	57.8
Linen	1	1.9	.02				
Silk	5	9.4	.14		2.2	2.2	4.4
Rayon	1	1.9	.02				2.2
Wool	12	22.6	.30		2.2	4.4	17.8
Dress covers	55			47			
Cotton	46	83.6	4.18		10.6		72.3
Linen	11	20.0	1.40		4.3		17.0
Rayon							
Wool							
Rugs	97			90			
Cotton	72	74.2	3.75		19.9	13.3	42.2
Silk	6	6.2	.18		2.2		3.3
Wool or worsted	76	78.4	5.73		19.9	8.9	44.4
Flax	8	8.3	.14		1.1	1.1	7.8
Paper	2	2.1	.02				
Sofa-pillow covers	86			75			
Cotton	67	77.9	3.98		22.7	5.3	49.3
Linen	27	31.4	.84		4.0	2.7	26.7
Silk	52	60.5	1.66		24.0	10.7	20.0
Rayon	10	11.6	.33		8.0	1.3	1.3
Wool							
Window curtains	105			102			
Cotton	101	96.2	22.97		29.4	14.7	48.0
Linen							
Silk	31	29.5	2.79		12.7	3.9	10.8
Rayon	28	26.7	1.94		8.8	5.9	8.8
Wool	2	1.9	.23		1.0	2.0	

TABLE 17.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927, and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 59 families living in towns of 25,000 and under 100,000*

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
		Per cent			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Bedding:							
Bedspreads	57			49			
Cotton	54	94.7	4.61		12.2	8.2	77.6
Linen	3	5.3	.07				6.1
Silk	4	7.0	.09		2.0	2.0	4.1
Rayon	15	26.3	.44		14.3	4.1	12.2
Wool							
Blankets	59			50			
Cotton	43	72.9	2.79		10.0	2.0	62.0
Wool	50	84.7	5.28		24.0	2.0	56.0
Comforters with cotton filling	49			44			
Covers—							
Cotton	44	89.8	3.75		6.8	9.1	75.0
Silk	3	6.1	.12			2.3	4.5
Rayon	2	4.1	.16				4.5
Wool	14	28.6	.81			2.3	20.4
Comforters with wool filling	25			18			
Covers—							
Cotton	16	64.0	1.72		11.1	5.6	55.6
Silk	6	24.0	.32		5.6		22.2
Rayon							
Wool	4	16.0	.24				16.7
Comforters with down filling							
Covers—							
Cotton							
Silk							
Rayon							
Wool							
Mattress covers	21			18			
Cotton	21	100.0	3.10		22.2	5.6	72.2
Mattress pads	41			32			
Cotton	41	100.0	2.92		3.1	9.4	87.5
Pillow shams	13			12			
Cotton	12	92.3	3.52		16.7		75.0
Linen	1	7.7	.31				8.3
Silk	1	7.7	.08				8.3
Rayon	2	15.4	.54				16.7
Pillowcases	59			50			
Cotton	58	98.3	18.30		24.0	8.0	66.0
Linen	14	23.7	1.24		2.0		26.0
Quilts	41			35			
Cotton	38	92.7	5.06		14.3	5.7	77.1
Silk	3	7.3	.07		2.9		5.7
Rayon							
Wool	3	7.3	.27				5.7
Sheets	58			51			
Cotton	58	100.0	13.82		21.6	3.9	54.9
Linen	5	8.6	.22		2.0		7.8
Table linen:							
Doilie sets	43			36			
Cotton	30	69.8	1.09		11.1	2.8	25.0
Linen	37	86.0	3.05		27.8	8.3	50.0
Hot-dish pads	33			30			
Cotton and asbestos	33	100.0	5.25		23.3		76.7
Luncheon cloths	52			45			
Cotton	35	67.3	2.48		17.8		48.9
Linen	41	78.8	3.21		22.2	6.7	44.4
Silence cloths	45			41			
Cotton and asbestos	45	100.0	1.60		9.8	2.4	87.8

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Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
Table linen—Continued.		*Per cent*			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Tablecloths	54			49			
Cotton	34	63.0	2.17		16.2	4.1	44.9
Linen	47	87.0	4.68		18.4	8.2	59.2
Table napkins	53			46			
Cotton	30	56.6	8.10		15.2		45.7
Linen	50	94.3	30.47		19.6		67.4
Towels and wash cloths:							
Dish towels	53			46			
Cotton	42	79.2	10.69		4.3	4.3	67.4
Linen	29	54.7	6.28		15.2	2.2	39.1
Face towels	58			51			
Cotton	39	67.2	8.31		11.8	5.9	52.9
Linen	46	79.3	13.71		25.5	3.9	51.0
Turkish towels	58			48			
Cotton	58	100.0	14.46		22.9	6.2	70.8
Wash cloths	55			47			
Cotton	55	100.0	12.57		12.8	6.4	80.9
Miscellaneous:							
Awnings for porches	11			10			
Cotton	11	100.0	3.27		70.0		30.0
Awnings for windows	4			3			
Cotton	4	100.0	3.75		100.0		
Bureau scarfs	48			43			
Cotton	41	85.4	5.47		16.3	7.0	65.1
Linen	12	25.0	2.03		2.3		20.9
Silk	1	2.1	.08			2.3	
Rayon							
Card-table covers	33			27			
Cotton	30	90.1	2.76		37.0	3.7	44.4
Linen	15	45.5	1.24		25.9	7.4	14.8
Silk	1	3.0	.06			3.7	
Rayon							
Couch covers	29			23			
Cotton	25	86.2	1.16		13.0		78.3
Linen							
Silk							
Rayon							
Wool	6	20.7	.28		8.7	4.3	13.0
Dress covers	24			19			
Cotton	23	95.8	3.65		5.3	15.8	78.9
Linen	1	4.2	.04				5.3
Rayon							
Wool							
Rugs	52			45			
Cotton	44	84.6	5.12		20.0	8.9	55.6
Silk	2	3.8	.12		2.2	2.2	2.2
Wool or worsted	37	71.2	5.02		26.7	6.7	40.0
Flax	6	11.5	.23				8.9
Paper	1	1.9	.04				2.2
Sofa-pillow covers	52			43			
Cotton	40	76.9	3.53		11.6	9.3	51.2
Linen	13	25.0	.63		7.0	2.3	16.3
Silk	33	63.5	1.82		25.6	4.7	32.6
Rayon	4	7.7	.15		7.0		
Wool	1	1.9	.04				2.3
Window curtains	58			52			
Cotton	54	93.1	25.39		15.4	13.5	55.8
Linen	2	3.4	.34		1.9		
Silk	26	44.8	4.43		19.2	3.8	17.3
Rayon	12	20.7	2.73		3.8		11.5
Wool	2	3.4	.28		1.9		1.9

TABLE 18.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 138 families in cities of 100,000 and over*

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
Bedding:		*Per cent*			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Bedspreads	133			120			
Cotton	127	95.5	4.43		20.8	14.2	58.3
Linen	13	9.8	.24		2.5	1.7	5.0
Silk	12	9.0	.19		3.3	3.3	3.3
Rayon	25	18.8	.25		13.3	1.7	3.3
Wool							
Blankets	132			119			
Cotton	66	50.0	2.51		10.9	6.7	32.8
Wool	124	93.9	7.31		28.6	8.4	56.3
Comforters with cotton filling	114			102			
Covers—							
Cotton	91	79.8	3.11		15.7	12.7	50.0
Silk	10	8.8	.16		1.0	1.0	6.9
Rayon	8	7.0	.12		1.0	1.0	4.9
Wool	47	31.2	1.24		11.8	3.9	21.6
Comforters with wool filling	58			48			
Covers—							
Cotton	39	67.2	2.59		12.5	10.4	43.7
Silk	14	24.1	.55		8.3		14.6
Rayon	3	5.2	.14		2.1		4.2
Wool	9	15.5	.31		4.2	2.1	10.4
Comforters with down filling	8			8			
Covers—							
Cotton	5	62.5	1.25		37.5		25.0
Silk	3	37.5	.50			12.5	25.0
Rayon							
Wool							
Mattress covers	62			55			
Cotton	62	100.0	3.19		16.4	3.6	80.0
Mattress pads	89			77			
Cotton	89	100.0	3.53		16.9	3.9	79.2
Pillow shams	34			32			
Cotton	28	82.4	3.78		21.9	6.3	50.0
Linen	8	23.5	.94		6.3	3.1	12.5
Silk	1	2.9	.06		3.1		
Rayon	4	11.8	.47		6.3	3.1	3.1
Pillowcases	131			113			
Cotton	124	94.7	17.36		21.2	8.0	65.5
Linen	35	26.7	1.72		6.2	3.5	15.9
Quilts	78			72			
Cotton	68	87.2	2.98		13.9	11.1	61.1
Silk	14	17.9	.32		2.8	4.2	11.1
Rayon	1	1.2	.01				
Wool	20	25.6	.47		4.2	6.9	15.3
Sheets	137			121			
Cotton	131	95.6	14.61		26.4	9.1	61.2
Linen	18	13.1	1.12		2.5	1.7	5.8
Table linen:							
Doilie sets	99			87			
Cotton	25	25.3	.64		8.0	2.3	13.8
Linen	87	87.9	3.14		23.0	5.7	63.2
Hot-dish pads	80			74			
Cotton and asbestos	80	100.0	5.97		10.9	12.2	77.0
Luncheon cloths	117			101			
Cotton	49	41.9	1.44		15.8	3.0	20.8
Linen	104	88.9	3.41		29.7	9.9	47.5
Silence cloths	106			97			
Cotton and asbestos	106	100.0	1.37		6.2	10.3	83.5

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Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
Table linen—Continued.		*Per cent*			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Tablecloths	133			122			
Cotton	59	44.4	1.68		12.3	5.7	27.9
Linen	131	98.5	4.88		15.6	19.7	59.8
Table napkins	131			119			
Cotton	56	42.7	7.97		12.6	.8	25.2
Linen	128	97.7	29.29		19.3	8.4	68.1
Towels and wash cloths:							
Dish towels	129			111			
Cotton	91	60.5	11.76		14.4	5.4	51.4
Linen	76	58.9	7.64		11.7	1.8	43.2
Face towels	134			115			
Cotton	89	66.4	12.41		13.0	7.0	49.6
Linen	103	76.9	11.91		17.4	7.8	51.3
Turkish towels	133			114			
Cotton	133	100.0	16.35		23.7	7.0	69.3
Wash cloths	124			102			
Cotton	124	100.0	13.38		21.6	5.9	72.5
Miscellaneous:							
Awnings for porches	33			29			
Cotton	33	100.0	2.07		31.0	10.3	58.6
Awnings for windows	27			24			
Cotton	27	100.0	6.09		50.0	8.3	41.7
Bureau scarfs	123			101			
Cotton	95	77.2	4.84		14.9	4.0	57.4
Linen	39	31.7	1.98		9.9	1.0	22.8
Silk	14	11.4	.39		5.9	1.0	4.0
Rayon	8	6.5	.22		4.0	1.0	1.0
Card-table covers	70			60			
Cotton	49	70.0	2.13		35.0	6.7	31.7
Linen	38	54.3	1.33		18.3	5.0	30.0
Silk	6	8.6	.20		3.3		3.3
Rayon	1	1.4	.01			1.7	
Couch covers	65			57			
Cotton	45	69.2	1.06		19.3	1.8	49.1
Linen	1	1.5	.02		1.8		
Silk	5	7.7	.08		1.8		5.3
Rayon							
Wool	23	35.4	.47		7.0	12.3	17.5
Dress covers	67			62			
Cotton	59	88.1	4.00		19.4	4.8	64.5
Linen	9	13.4	.79		1.6		11.3
Rayon	1	1.5	.02				
Wool	1	1.5	.03				1.6
Rugs	123			110			
Cotton	94	76.4	3.33		20.0	7.3	48.2
Silk	12	9.8	.31		3.6		6.4
Wool or worsted	86	69.9	5.32		19.1	10.0	40.9
Flax	13	10.6	.25		.9	.9	7.3
Paper	3	2.4	.02		1.8		.9
Sofa-pillow covers	113			101			
Cotton	79	69.9	3.47		21.8	5.0	40.6
Linen	23	20.4	.52		7.9	1.0	11.9
Silk	69	61.1	1.91		27.7	9.9	25.7
Rayon	21	18.6	.41		6.9	4.0	6.9
Wool							
Window curtains	133			124			
Cotton	126	94.7	25.49		21.8	16.9	54.0
Linen							
Silk	49	36.8	4.89		16.1	7.3	12.1
Rayon	41	30.8	2.16		18.5	3.2	8.9
Wool	4	3.0	.27		1.6	1.6	.8

TABLE 19.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 67 families with income unknown*

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
		Per cent			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Bedding:							
Bedspreads	67			55			
Cotton	63	94.0	4.78		21.8	9.1	56.4
Linen	6	9.0	.30			1.8	5.5
Silk	5	7.5	.15		1.8	5.5	1.8
Rayon	15	22.4	.39		14.5	1.8	7.3
Wool							
Blankets	63			53			
Cotton	39	61.9	2.73		15.1	3.8	41.5
Wool	53	84.1	6.30		18.9	9.4	58.5
Comforters with cotton filling	55			45			
Covers—							
Cotton	49	89.1	5.53		15.6	4.4	57.8
Silk	4	7.3	.27			2.2	6.7
Rayon	3	5.5	.25		2.2		2.2
Wool	24	43.6	1.16		15.6	4.4	24.4
Comforts with wool filling	21			15			
Covers—							
Cotton	15	71.4	3.14		13.3		60.0
Silk	1	4.8	.19				6.7
Rayon					6.7		
Wool	6	28.6	.63		13.3		6.7
Comforts with down filling	2			2			
Covers—							
Cotton	1	50.0	1.00		50.0		
Silk	1	50.0	1.00			50.0	
Rayon							
Wool							
Mattress covers	26			25			
Cotton	26	100.0	3.79		12.0	8.0	80.
Mattress pads	38			35			
Cotton	38	100.0	3.94		8.6	8.6	82.9
Pillow shams	18			16			
Cotton	15	83.3	6.33		6.3		75.0
Linen	2	11.1	.28				12.5
Silk	1	5.6	.06				6.3
Rayon	2	11.1	.33		6.3		6.3
Pillowcases	63			47			
Cotton	59	93.7	15.92		19.1	12.8	59.6
Linen	12	19.0	1.44		2.1	6.4	14.9
Quilts	48			44			
Cotton	42	87.5	5.23		11.4	15.9	59.1
Silk	7	14.6	.29		2.3	6.8	6.8
Rayon	1	2.1	.04		2.3		
Wool	6	12.5	.28		4.5	2.3	6.8
Sheets	66			57			
Cotton	63	95.5	14.70		22.8	15.8	57.9
Linen	9	13.6	.82		5.3	5.3	1.8
Table linen:							
Doilie sets	45			41			
Cotton	21	46.7	2.25		24.4	2.4	17.1
Linen	32	71.1	2.90		14.6	7.3	51.2
Hot-dish pads	39			34			
Cotton and asbestos	39	100.0	5.64		29.4	11.8	58.8
Luncheon cloths	59			49			
Cotton	33	55.9	1.76		22.4	4.1	28.6
Linen	43	72.9	2.71		24.5	6.1	40.8
Silence cloths	50			41			
Cotton and asbestos	50	100.0	1.44		9.8	4.9	85.3
Tablecloths	67			59			
Cotton	42	62.7	2.63		16.9	5.1	33.9
Linen	59	88.1	3.62		22.0	13.6	52.5

TABLE 19.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 67 families with income unknown*—Continued

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
Table linen—Continued.		*Per cent*			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Table napkins	59			50			
Cotton	31	52.5	7.43		2.0	2.0	42.0
Linen	48	81.4	23.32		24.0	6.0	52.0
Towels and wash cloths:							
Dish towels	59			40			
Cotton	48	81.4	13.22		15.0	5.0	65.0
Linen	26	44.1	6.52		7.5	5.0	45.0
Face towels	62			50			
Cotton	43	69.4	9.83		10.0	6.0	48.0
Linen	41	66.1	9.17		20.0	8.0	40.0
Turkish towels	62			45			
Cotton	62	100.0	13.83		28.9	13.3	57.8
Wash cloths	54			38			
Cotton	54	100.0	12.98		21.1	10.5	68.4
Miscellaneous:							
Awnings for porches	9			8			
Cotton	9	100.0	1.75		37.5	25.0	37.5
Awnings for windows	6			5			
Cotton	6	100.0	5.83			40.0	60.0
Bureau scarfs	58			40			
Cotton	47	81.0	5.01		15.0	2.5	65.0
Linen	14	24.1	1.34		12.5	5.0	15.0
Silk	5	8.6	.69		2.5	2.5	2.5
Rayon	1	1.7	.02		2.5		
Card-table covers	30			24			
Cotton	21	70.0	2.31		33.3	4.2	29.2
Linen	14	46.7	1.57		20.8	8.3	25.0
Silk	1	3.3	.10				
Rayon	1	3.3	.07		4.2		
Couch covers	24			17			
Cotton	19	79.2	1.50		5.9	5.9	58.8
Linen							
Silk	1	4.2	.13				5.9
Rayon	1	4.2	.04		5.9		
Wool	4	16.7	.17		5.9		17.6
Dress covers	27			23			
Cotton	23	85.2	3.00		17.4		65.2
Linen	6	22.2	1.41		8.7		17.4
Rayon							
Wool							
Rugs	53			44			
Cotton	34	64.2	3.81		11.4	15.9	38.6
Silk							
Wool or worsted	40	75.5	5.21		20.5	9.1	47.7
Flax	4	7.5	.15				9.1
Paper	3	5.7	.21		4.5		
Sofa-pillow covers	47			37			
Cotton	34	72.3	3.38		13.5		51.4
Linen	10	21.3	.66		5.4		13.5
Silk	19	40.4	1.76		32.4	13.5	5.4
Rayon	5	10.6	.25		10.8		
Window curtains	67			61			
Cotton	65	97.0	22.61		24.6	11.5	57.4
Linen	1	1.5	.19				1.6
Silk	20	29.9	3.88		13.1	6.6	9.8
Rayon	17	25.4	1.39		9.8	1.6	4.9
Wool	1	1.5	.06				1.6

TABLE 20.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 150 families with income under $3,000*

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
Bedding:		*Per cent*			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Bedspreads	146			128			
Cotton	139	95.2	3.92		19.5	10.9	64.8
Linen	6	4.1	.08		.8		3.1
Silk	6	4.1	.05			.8	3.1
Rayon	30	20.5	.28		14.1	.8	6.3
Wool	2	1.4	.01				
Blankets	145			130			
Cotton	97	66.9	2.76		13.1	5.4	46.9
Wool	128	88.3	4.32		26.9	3.1	51.5
Comforters with cotton filling	128			117			
Covers—							
Cotton	120	93.8	4.23		10.3	8.5	70.9
Silk	10	7.8	.09		.9		5.1
Rayon	6	4.7	.05			.9	2.6
Wool	41	32.0	.90		7.7	2.6	17.9
Comforters with wool filling	43			36			
Covers—							
Cotton	29	67.4	2.17		8.3	8.3	50.0
Silk	4	9.3	.16		5.6		5.6
Rayon	3	7.0	.09				5.6
Wool	11	25.6	.60		5.6	5.6	13.9
Comforters with down filling							
Covers—							
Cotton							
Silk							
Rayon							
Wool							
Mattress covers	49			41			
Cotton	49	100.0	2.73		14.6	2.4	82.9
Mattress pads	92			71			
Cotton	92	100.0	2.94		11.3	5.6	83.1
Pillow shams	37			30			
Cotton	31	83.8	2.60		16.7		66.7
Linen	5	13.5	.41			3.3	6.7
Silk							
Rayon	8	21.6	.53		13.3	3.3	3.3
Pillowcases	144			127			
Cotton	142	98.6	17.25		27.6	7.9	63.0
Linen	24	16.7	.69		3.1		11.8
Quilts	115			104			
Cotton	110	95.7	4.40		17.3	8.7	68.3
Silk	7	6.1	.08		2.9	1.0	2.9
Rayon							
Wool	25	21.7	.68		1.9		21.2
Sheets	146			130			
Cotton	144	98.6	12.72		24.6	6.9	66.9
Linen	10	6.8	.41		1.5		5.4
Table linen:							
Doilie sets	107			86			
Cotton	48	44.9	1.63		15.1	3.5	29.1
Linen	75	70.1	1.84		16.3	4.7	55.8
Hot-dish pads	70			61			
Cotton and asbestos	70	100.0	5.30		21.3	4.9	73.7
Luncheon cloths	110			92			
Cotton	72	65.5	2.17		22.8	2.2	35.9
Linen	79	71.8	2.04		23.9	3.3	43.5
Silence cloths	99			86			
Cotton and asbestos	99	100.0	1.27		3.5	4.7	91.9

TABLE 20.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 150 families with income under $3,000*—Continued

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
Table linen—Continued.		*Per cent*			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Tablecloths	144			130			
Cotton	100	69.4	2.60		14.6	5.4	46.2
Linen	130	90.3	3.34		11.5	11.5	76.9
Table napkins	137			123			
Cotton	88	64.2	10.52		18.7	.8	45.5
Linen	121	88.3	18.38		10.6	7.3	66.7
Towels and wash cloths:							
Dish towels	143			121			
Cotton	126	88.1	13.54		14.9	5.0	63.6
Linen	64	44.8	4.22		10.7	2.5	30.6
Face towels	143			121			
Cotton	110	76.9	10.24		14.9	8.3	55.4
Linen	109	76.2	9.02		19.0	5.8	48.8
Turkish towels	145			119			
Cotton	145	100.0	13.45		26.1	5.0	68.9
Wash cloths	131			107			
Cotton	131	100.0	10.31		22.4	4.7	72.9
Miscellaneous:							
Awnings for porches	11			9			
Cotton	11	100.0	1.64		44.4		55.6
Awnings for windows	9			9			
Cotton	9	100.0	4.11		55.6		44.4
Bureau scarfs	129			108			
Cotton	115	89.1	5.39		16.7	6.5	63.9
Linen	29	22.5	1.28		5.6	.9	13.9
Silk	4	3.1	.06		1.9		.9
Rayon	5	3.9	.09		2.8		
Card-table covers	44			34			
Cotton	35	79.5	2.01		35.3	5.9	41.2
Linen	17	38.6	.73		14.7	2.9	23.5
Silk	3	6.8	.09				2.9
Rayon	1	2.3	.02			2.9	
Couch covers	82			67			
Cotton	61	74.4	.98		26.9	1.5	50.7
Linen							
Silk	5	6.1	.07		1.5		4.5
Rayon	2	2.4	.02				3.0
Wool	25	30.1	.39		1.5	3.0	23.9
Dress covers	51			44			
Cotton	47	92.2	3.09			13.6	79.5
Linen	6	11.8	.59				9.1
Rayon							
Wool	1	2.0	.04				2.3
Rugs	139			119			
Cotton	96	69.1	3.15		19.3	8.4	40.3
Silk	9	6.5	.12		.8	.8	3.4
Wool or worsted	105	75.5	4.03		18.5	9.2	46.2
Flax	16	11.5	.27		.8	1.7	6.7
Paper	2	1.4	.01		.8		.8
Sofa-pillow covers	125			107			
Cotton	100	80.0	3.70		21.5	9.3	48.6
Linen	33	26.4	.73		9.3	.9	14.0
Silk	56	44.8	1.15		22.4	3.7	14.0
Rayon	18	14.4	.31		7.5	1.9	3.7
Wool	1	1.0	.01				
Window curtains	146			150			
Cotton	140	95.9	18.72		24.6	13.8	51.4
Linen							
Silk	29	19.9	1.42		7.2	2.9	8.0
Rayon	40	27.4	1.79		13.0	2.2	9.4
Wool	4	2.7	.14		2.2	1.4	.7

TABLE 21.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 119 families with income of $3,000 and under $5,000*

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
Bedding:		*Per cent*			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Bedspreads	115			100			
Cotton	113	98.3	4.59		27.0	12.0	59.0
Linen	12	10.4	.17		2.0	1.0	6.0
Silk	9	7.8	.17		5.0		3.0
Rayon	20	17.4	.36		13.0	4.0	
Wool							
Blankets	116			99			
Cotton	67	57.8	2.55		14.1	6.1	35.4
Wool	111	95.7	7.06		52.3	8.1	55.6
Comforters with cotton filling	99			82			
Covers—							
Cotton	82	82.8	3.85		17.1	11.0	54.9
Silk	10	10.1	.17		2.4	2.4	4.9
Rayon							
Wool	45	45.5	1.24		8.5	1.2	26.8
Comforters with wool filling	53			39			
Covers—							
Cotton	44	83.0	2.96		28.2	5.1	51.3
Silk	4	7.5	.09		2.6		
Rayon	2	3.8	.08			2.6	2.6
Wool	8	15.1	.30		2.6		15.4
Comforters with down filling	1			1			
Covers—							
Cotton	1	100.0	3.00		100.0		
Silk							
Rayon							
Wool							
Mattress covers	48			59			
Cotton	48	100.0	3.21		20.5	5.1	74.4
Mattress pads	80			66			
Cotton	80	100.0	3.38		19.7	1.5	78.8
Pillow shams	29			23			
Cotton	26	89.7	4.45		30.4	4.3	52.2
Linen	7	24.1	.72		8.7		17.4
Silk							
Rayon	1	3.4	.07		4.3		
Pillowcases	112			92			
Cotton	110	98.2	18.51		25.0	6.5	67.4
Linen	29	25.9	1.26		4.3	2.1	17.4
Quilts	79			66			
Cotton	71	89.9	3.85		21.2	10.6	59.1
Silk	9	11.4	.19			1.5	9.1
Rayon	1	1.3	.03			1.5	
Wool	15	19.0	.43		3.0	7.6	10.6
Sheets	119			101			
Cotton	118	99.2	15.15		34.7	10.9	53.5
Linen	12	10.1	.57		3.0		5.9
Table linen:							
Doilie sets	88			73			
Cotton	33	37.5	.98		11.0	6.8	19.2
Linen	75	85.2	3.09		21.9	6.8	54.8
Hot-dish pads	78			63			
Cotton and asbestos	78	100.0	5.32		22.2	3.2	74.6
Luncheon cloths	111			90			
Cotton	60	54.1	1.38		20.0	2.2	26.7
Linen	98	88.3	3.47		57.8	7.8	40.0
Silence cloths	96			78			
Cotton	96	100.0	1.36		5.1	6.5	88.5

TABLE 21.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 119 families with income of $3,000 and under $5,000*—Continued

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fibe	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
Table linen—Continued.		*Per cent*			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Tablecloths	115			100			
Cotton	61	53.0	1.81		11.0	4.0	37.0
Linen	106	92.2	4.17		19.0	14.0	58.0
Table napkins	116			99			
Cotton	52	44.8	7.39		14.1	3.0	26.3
Linen	113	97.4	28.04		24.2	5.1	63.6
Towels and wash cloths:							
Dish towels	112			91			
Cotton	84	75.0	11.37		15.4	7.7	51.6
Linen	67	59.8	6.90		20.8		39.6
Face towels	117			95			
Cotton	84	71.8	11.14		26.3	9.5	33.7
Linen	95	81.2	13.81		26.3	9.5	44.2
Turkish towels	116			93			
Cotton	116	100.0	16.42		36.6	6.5	57.0
Wash cloths	114			91			
Cotton	114	100.0	12.54		16.5	6.6	76.9
Miscellaneous:							
Awnings for porches	23			20			
Cotton	23	100.0	2.47		55 0		45.0
Awnings for windows	17			13			
Cotton	17	100.0	5.79		53.8		46.2
Bureau scarfs	103			81			
Cotton	85	82.5	5.09		21.0	6.2	56.8
Linen	37	35.9	2.17		9.9	1.2	22.2
Silk	3	2.9	.05		1.2		2.5
Rayon	3	2.9	.12		2.5		
Card-table covers	72			59			
Cotton	54	75.0	2.21		37.3	5.1	35.6
Linen	40	55.6	1.55		28.8	1.7	16.9
Silk	1	1.4	.03		1.7		
Rayon							
Couch covers	61			49			
Cotton	49	80.3	1.52		18.4	6.1	59.2
Linen	1	1.6	.02				
Silk	3	4.9	.05		2.0	2.0	
Rayon							
Wool	15	24.6	.38		6.1	12.2	12.2
Dress covers	55			43			
Cotton	50	90.9	4.08		16.3	7.0	72.1
Linen	5	9.1	.64		2.3		4.7
Rayon	1	1.8	.02				
Wool							
Rugs	112			93			
Cotton	89	79.5	3.68		25.8	9.7	44.1
Silk	9	8.0	.37		4.3		5.4
Wool or worsted	80	71.4	5.37		25.8	7.5	33.7
Flax	8	7.1	.11		2.2	1.1	4.3
Paper							
Sofa-pillow covers	102			82			
Cotton	75	73.5	3.27		20.7	7.3	43.9
Linen	30	29.4	.68		3.7	2.4	26.8
Silk	71	69.6	1.97		28.0	11.0	30.5
Rayon	14	13.7	.26		7.3	4.9	1.2
Window curtains	116			104			
Cotton	109	94.0	23.37		24.0	11.5	54.8
Linen	2	1.7	.14				
Silk	44	37.9	3.96		15.4	5.8	15.4
Rayon	31	26.7	2.43		14.4	3.8	7.7
Wool	6	5.2	.32		1.0	2.9	1.9

TABLE 22.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 81 families with income of $5,000 and over*

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927 and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
		Per cent			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Bedding:							
Bedspreads	79			76			
Cotton	66	83.5	5.48		18.4	11.8	65.8
Linen	8	10.1	.18		2.6	1.3	5.3
Silk	8	10.1	.24		5.3	1.3	3.9
Rayon	20	25.3	.48		14.5	2.6	7.9
Wool							
Blankets	80			75			
Cotton	45	56.3	3.21		12.0	5.3	38.7
Wool	77	96.3	8.48		36.0	2.7	57.3
Comforters with cotton filling	62			62			
Covers—							
Cotton	51	82.3	3.74		9.7	9.7	54.8
Silk	7	11.3	.23		3.2	1.6	6.5
Rayon	6	9.7	.27		3.2		6.5
Wool	23	37.1	1.17		8.1		24.2
Comforters with wool filling	46			39			
Covers—							
Cotton	30	65.2	2.30		15.4	7.7	46.2
Silk	19	41.3	.78		12.8		25.6
Rayon	4	8.7	.20		5.1		2.6
Wool	5	10.9	.17		5.1		5.1
Comforters with down filling	6			6			
Covers—							
Cotton	4	66.7	1.33		33.3		33.3
Silk	2	33.3	.33				33.3
Rayon							
Wool							
Mattress covers	38			37			
Cotton	38	100.0	3.75		21.6	2.7	75.7
Mattress pads	56			47			
Cotton	56	100.0	4.15		21.3	4.3	74.5
Pillow shams	17			16			
Cotton	15	88.2	2.76		6.3	12.5	68.8
Linen	2	11.8	.41			6.3	6.3
Silk	1	5.9	.12		6.3		
Rayon	2	11.8	.35		6.3		6.3
Pillowcases	80			72			
Cotton	76	95.0	17.85		23.6	8.3	62.5
Linen	29	36.3	2.90		5.6	1.4	29.2
Quilts	50			47			
Cotton	47	94.0	3.66		12.8	12.8	70.2
Silk	7	14.0	.25		8.5		4.3
Rayon	2	4.0	.04		2.1		
Wool	3	6.0	.15			4.3	
Sheets	80			74			
Cotton	77	96.3	17.21		25.7	6.8	66.2
Linen	13	16.3	1.30		1.4	1.4	10.8
Table linen:							
Doilie sets	68			63			
Cotton	21	30.9	.96		9.5	4.8	12.7
Linen	65	95.6	4.33		31.7	11.1	54.0
Hot-dish pads	56			54			
Cotton and asbestos	56	100.0	6.00		22.2	5.6	72.2
Luncheon cloths	69			66			
Cotton	33	47.8	1.71		13.6	7.6	22.7
Linen	62	89.9	4.11		22.7	10.6	56.1
Silence cloths	67			65			
Cotton and asbestos	67	100.0	1.80		10.8	7.7	81.5

TABLE 22.—*Average number of each household article made of specified textile fiber used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and comparison with the number used during the corresponding period five years previous, as reported by 81 families with income of $5,000 and over*—Continued

Household articles and specified textile fiber	Household articles made of specified textile fiber, used in 1927			Comparison between number of household articles used in 1927, and during a corresponding period 5 years previous			
	Number of families reporting use of each article and of specified textile fiber	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported use of specified textile fiber	Average number of articles of specified textile fiber per family reporting use of each article	Number of families reporting use of each article	Proportion of number of families using each article who reported for specified textile fiber		
					More used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Less used in 1927 than 5 years previous	Same used in 1927 as 5 years previous
Table linen—Continued.		*Per cent*			*Per cent*	*Per cent*	*Per cent*
Tablecloths	76			71			
Cotton	32	42.1	1.58		11.3	12.7	18.3
Linen	73	96.1	5.47		26.8	18.3	52.1
Table napkins	77			74			
Cotton	40	51.9	7.50		16.2	4.1	29.7
Linen	75	97.4	39.40		32.4	6.8	55.4
Towels and wash cloths:							
Dish towels	74			67			
Cotton	48	64.9	10.48		11.9	4.5	47.8
Linen	50	67.6	8.51		19.4	4.5	43.3
Face towels	78			71			
Cotton	53	67.9	10.90		14.1	8.5	49.3
Linen	62	79.4	14.99		21.1	8.5	49.3
Turkish towels	78			68			
Cotton	78	100.0	18.95		23.5	7.4	69.1
Wash cloths	74			62			
Cotton	74	100.0	13.83		25.8	4.8	69.4
Miscellaneous:							
Awnings for porches	18			17	29.4		
Cotton	18	100.0	2.82		29.4	17.6	52.9
Awnings for windows	13			12			
Cotton	13	100.0	5.90		58.3	16.7	25.0
Bureau scarfs	73			68			
Cotton	59	80.8	5.50		20.6	5.9	55.9
Linen	18	24.7	1.73		4.4	1.5	20.6
Silk	8	11.0	.29		5.9	1.5	2.9
Rayon	4	5.5	.15				
Card-table covers	56			51			
Cotton	44	78.6	2.70		23.5	11.8	41.2
Linen	31	55.4	1.46		17.6	7.8	29.4
Silk	5	8.9	.20		5.9	2.0	2.0
Rayon							
Couch covers	39			33			
Cotton	27	69.2	.91		24.2	6.1	45.5
Linen	1	2.6	.03		3.0		
Silk	3	7.7	.08		3.0		6.1
Rayon							
Wool	13	33.3	.59		12.1	3.0	18.2
Dress covers	45			41			
Cotton	39	86.7	5.13		17.1	7.3	61.0
Linen	10	22.2	1.41		2.4		22.0
Rayon							
Wool							
Rugs	71			66			
Cotton	59	83.1	4.24		22.7	6.1	54.5
Silk	7	9.9	.23		4.5	1.5	4.5
Wool or worsted	52	73.2	6.74		19.7	13.6	40.9
Flax	10	14.1	.27				13.6
Paper	5	7.0	.08		1.5		3.0
Sofa-pillow covers	68			63			
Cotton	51	75.0	4.38		22.2	3.2	42.9
Linen	18	26.5	.74		9.5	4.8	14.3
Silk	52	76.5	2.50		28.6	7.9	36.5
Rayon	9	13.2	.33		6.3	1.6	4.8
Wool	2	2.9	.06				
Window curtains	80			78			
Cotton	78	97.5	32.27		21.8	15.4	55.1
Linen	1	1.3	.13		1.3		
Silk	34	42.5	5.35		24.4	2.6	12.8
Rayon	23	28.8	2.65		14.1	5.1	9.0
Wool	2	2.5	.35		1.3		1.3

SUMMARY

It has been evident during the past few years that women are shifting from cotton to silk or rayon for certain garments. The size of residence community has little influence on the amount of change reported by the single women. In the case of married women, however, the percentage reporting a change from cotton to silk or rayon for most of the garments increases from the farm group through that in cities with a population of 25,000 and under 100,000 and decreases somewhat for the residence group of 100,000 and over.

Size of income, on the other hand, affects the amount of change from cotton to silk or rayon reported by all the groups of women. With a few exceptions, the percentages of married women, and single women supported by their families, increase in the case of most of the garments from the group with an income of under $3,000 through the group with an income of $5,000 and under $10,000 or $10,000 and over. A higher percentage of self-supporting single women in the income group of $3,000 and over reported making this change in the case of some of the garments, whereas the reverse was true for other garments. A comparison among the three classes of women in the same income group reveals the fact that the single women supported by their families made a greater change from cotton to silk or rayon than either married women or self-supporting single women.

The most important group of factors influencing the change from cotton to silk were reported by all three groups of women to be "more attractive" and "laundering." If the reasons are classified under the general headings, care, style, comfort, and cost, it is found that style was most frequently given in the case of most of the garments by married women and single women supported by their families in the different residence and income groups. Self-supporting single women also listed style more frequently than other reasons, but in some residence or income groups care and comfort were emphasized more than style. Size of residence community, or of income, has no significant effect upon the emphasis placed on the different reasons in the case of any group of women.

Men have changed from cotton to silk and rayon in the case of socks only, style and comfort being the most important reasons listed for making this change.

An analysis of the replies of the 646 families as to household articles used during the year ended in the spring of 1927 and the number used five years previous shows that for doilie sets, luncheon cloths, and tablecloths linen was somewhat more popular than cotton, and for table napkins decidedly more popular, and that for blankets and rugs wool was slightly more popular than cotton or other textile fibers. In the case of all other household articles the families reported greater use of cotton than of any other textile fiber.

Families living in towns or cities of 5,000 and over reported the use of a larger number of certain of the household articles than did those living on farms or in communities of under 5,000 population. Further, where there is a choice between cotton and linen families in the larger cities used a greater proportion of the linen articles than did those living in smaller communities. The same trend is also found in the case of income groups. The families with the higher incomes

reported a larger number of articles and a larger proportion of those articles of linen or silk and rayon than did the families with smaller incomes.

In the comparison of the number of household articles used in 1927 and five years previous among the various textile fibers cotton stands out in the percentage of families reporting that they used the same or a greater number of the different articles in 1927 than in 1922.

There appears to be no relationship between the increased use of a specified textile fiber in the household articles and size of residence community. Income groups and the proportion of families reporting an increased use of some of the household articles of different textile fibers show, however, a more positive correlation. For most of the articles where there was a choice of textile fiber the use of linen was increased more than that of cotton by the majority of families in the two highest income groups, and of silk in the highest group, and the use of cotton as much as or more than that of silk or linen by the greatest proportion of families in the lowest or two lowest income groups.

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